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Calming in Ballardvale?

Clark Road residents vague on details of proposed deal for traffic-calming improvements

By Rebecca Piro

Should Town Meeting approve \$26,000 for traffic calming in Ballardvale, Clark Road residents will chip in \$54,000.

Any questions?

Residents who want to know more about what they are being asked to spend, and why, will have to hang tight.

The conditions of the deal are confidential, says Jean Verzola Henry, Clark Road resident. She and her husband, Jack Henry, have acted as spokespeople for a band of Ballardvale residents who sued Genetics Institute two years ago and won a settlement of \$100,000.

Clark Road residents involved in that suit agreed, when asked by

the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, to use \$54,000 of that money to back this deal, says Chris Huntress, a task force member. But he isn't sure of — and what he is sure of, he can't necessarily speak of — the specifics.

"Everything is confidential."

JEAN VERZOLA HENRY,
CLARK ROAD
RESIDENT

Such as, what happens if voters refuse to spend an extra \$26,000 on traffic-calming measures, in a year when the school department is seeking a \$1.13 million override just to cover the operating budget? Will the Clark Road residents still make good on their share?

Or, if Clark Road residents are willing to spend \$54,000 of the settlement money, why won't they

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O'Brien captures 13 of 16 delegates elected at caucus

Birmingham comes up empty in town

By Rebecca Piro

If Andover's 16 Democratic delegates are any indication, gubernatorial candidate and State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien is a shoo-in for the Democratic primary ballot in September.

O'Brien picked up 13 of the town's 16 delegates elected at Andover's Democratic caucus, held Saturday at West Middle School.

Those results match the feelings statewide, as O'Brien enjoyed one of the strongest showings of support after the

Democratic caucuses held last weekend.

Andover's caucus was one of the best-attended in years, says Norma Villarreal, organizer and Town Democratic Committee chairwoman.

"If the caliber of participation in Andover is representative, then we're going to have a great race," she says.

Steve Grossman, businessman and former chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, got the three remaining delegates.

None of Andover's delegates pledged support for state Senate President Tom Birmingham, who picked up a high number of delegates throughout the Commonwealth elsewhere.

Late-comer Robert Reich, former US Secretary of Labor, picked up four votes from Andover's six alternate delegates. O'Brien scooped the remaining two.

Those numbers could change between now and the state convention scheduled for June in

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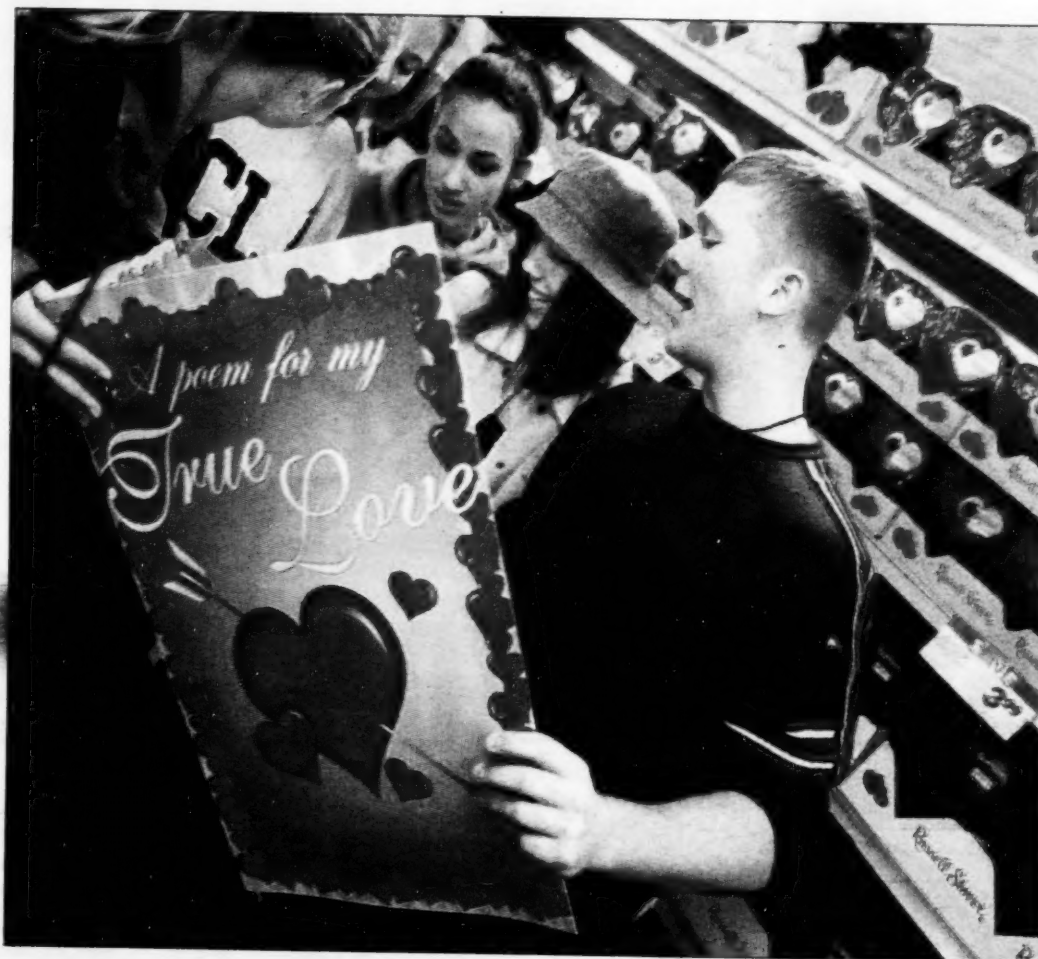


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

These Phillips Academy students got a surprise day off on post-Super Bowl Monday when PA Head Barbara Chase "proclaimed Head of School Day" a few moments after the big win Sunday night. Using their free time to shop for Valentine's Day are (from right) Marshall Fulton, Anne Sharp, Gina Crivelli, Sam Lederfine-Paskal and Kelly Stecker. For more of how Andover celebrated, see ON THE SCENE, page 25.

Ready for the Olympics

Opening ceremonies 'a dream come true' for Brenda Petzold

By Ben Hellman

Brenda Petzold of Andover has waited her entire life to compete at the Olympics and her dream comes true tomorrow, Friday, when she will represent the US at the opening ceremonies with the US Ski Team.

"I'm thrilled. I don't think I can even comprehend (how it will be)," Petzold told the *Townsmen* this week from Steamboat Springs.

Petzold is a high-flying aerialist and spends much of her time in the sky, but just as she has endured injuries and surgeries (10 bouts of

knee surgery) with superhuman determination, she faced the death of a beloved pet this week, her cat Max of 15 years. "I called him Chicken," she said. Petzold was able to speak to the *Townsmen* this week because she took the day off from her tough training schedule to grieve and try to "find closure," she said.

"I didn't sleep last night," said Petzold. "I want to try to deal with it and get some closure as soon as I can. Hopefully it shouldn't affect me." Petzold has some breathing space, as her

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Ski dreams — Brenda Petzold of Andover (right, with Nan Nan Xu) at the Goodwill Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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Web question

If the override doesn't pass, would you be willing to pay school fees?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Would you support the private warrant article submitted in the name of the Design Advisory Group, asking voters to add a clause in the town bylaw prohibiting internally-illuminated signs in the general business district?

Out of 58 respondents:

► 34 people, or 59 percent, said, "Yes. The town should go back to more traditional lighting."

► 24 people, or 41 percent, said, "No. The warrant article is too intrusive. Main Street looks fine the way it is."

► No one said, "Other."

This week's question: If voters do not approve the \$1.13 million Proposition 2½ override, Schools Superintendent Claudia Bach says she may have to charge fees for performing arts classes or for bus transportation. Would you be willing to pay a fee?

• Yes. Those classes and services are crucial to my child's education.

• No. Performing arts and bus transportation are luxuries in the context of the 2003 budget crunch.

• Other (use comments box after voting).

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IN BRIEF

Dog license renewals have their day

Dog license renewal notices were sent to resident dog owners in mid-December. And reportedly there has been a good response to the dog license renewal notice, with more than 1,500 dogs licensed to date. However, there are many dogs that have not yet been licensed. If they are not licensed by March 1, the administration fee will begin. According to town meeting by-law, any dog licensed after February will include a cumulative administration fee of \$2 per month.

Register your dog at the town clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also register through the mail by sending a check payable to the Town of Andover for \$8 and a current rabies certificate, to the town clerk's office, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, 01810.

Call the Town Clerk's office at 978-623-8257.

Patriots Day gives taxpayers an extra day for filing

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that taxpayers in Massachusetts will have an extra day to file their income tax returns because this year's filing deadline falls on a state holiday.

"Tax Day" (April 15) is also Patriots Day this year in Maine and Massachusetts. The two coincide whenever the filing deadline falls on the third Monday in April. Although IRS offices in both states will be open on April 15, the tax law gives taxpayers until the next business day to satisfy a deadline that falls on a state legal holiday.

And the extra day is not limited to residents of these two states. Because the IRS directs taxpayers in Michigan, Rhode Island and

Warshawsky says 'adios'

Resident Mike Warshawsky is leaving town.

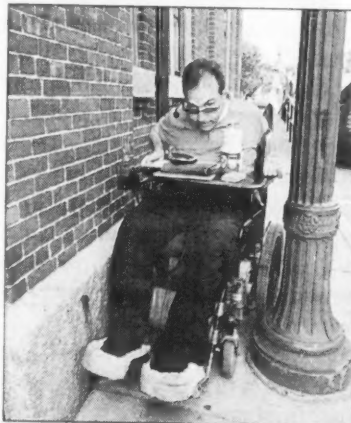
Warshawsky, a well-known advocate in Andover for disabled people and the chairman for the town's Commission on Disabilities, has plans to pack his bags for Pennsylvania where his family resides. Selectman John Hess thanked Warshawsky publicly and wished him well at a selectmen's meeting Monday night.

As the selectman liaison to the Commission for two years, Hess has watched Warshawsky and the other members work to improve handicap accessibility throughout town.

"Andover is looked at a lot of times as a model for its Commission on Disabilities," he says.

Warshawsky's soon-to-be absence will increase the number of vacancies on the Commission to three.

Warshawsky, who confirmed



Mike Warshawsky worked tirelessly to improve handicap accessibility throughout town. Here he demonstrates a tight squeeze on a town sidewalk.

his plans to move, was not available to comment in detail this week.

— Rebecca Piro

Free seminar on long-term care

There will be a free seminar on "Long-Term Care – the Financial Implications," at Wingate At Andover, 80 Andover St., on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Quote, unquote . . .

WE'RE DEBATING HOW BEST to punish our children."

— School Committee member Richard Collins, putting into perspective what he thinks budget cuts could mean for the school department. (Story, Page 18)

WHAT ABOUT the Patriots School?

— Gerry Gustus, School Committee member, suggesting a name for one of the new schools. (Story, Page 18)

News Calendar**Thursday, Feb. 7**

Zoning Board of Appeals, regular meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Town Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership, Senior Center, Whittier Place, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 5 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, School Building Offices, school committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee, Selectmen, budget review meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

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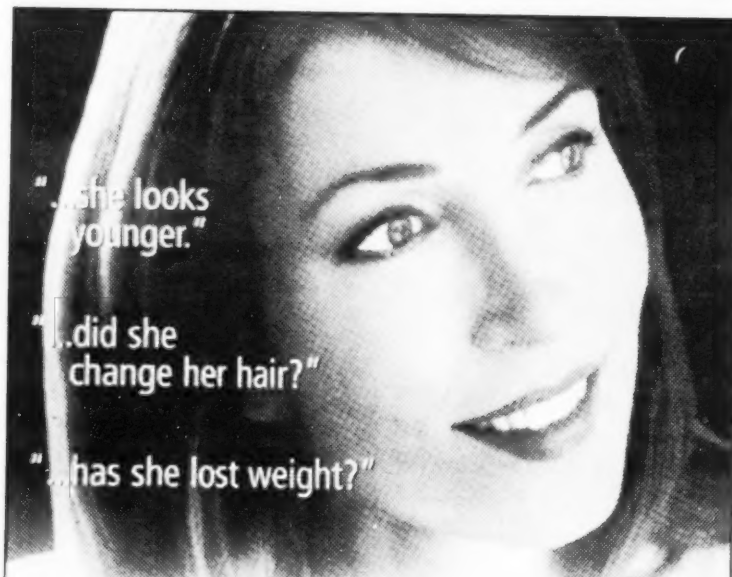


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'Belt-tightening' balances a \$110.6 million budget

By Rebecca Piro

What's the most notable thing about the town manager's recommended 2003 budget?

"This budget is balanced. It is fundable within (Proposition) 2½," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

In a year of "fiscal uncertainty" due to the recession and state budget troubles, it is a feat of accomplishment and astonishment, Stapczynski says.

The \$110.6 million budget he's recommending — a 7 percent increase over last year's \$103.3 million budget — means no new positions or services for any town departments.

His goal was to stay within Proposition 2½ — a rule that prevents town officials from taxing residents more than 2½ percent higher than they were the previous year.

"There's little or no expansion here.

It's belt-tightening. Every department felt the effect of this level-service budget," he says.

Stapczynski's recommended operating budget is \$105.2 million. The extra \$5.4 million contained in the total budget figure covers the warrant articles yet to be approved, state assessments and deficits.

Stapczynski's model contains a total of \$29.4 million for town departments such as plant and facilities, public safety, public works, the library and general

government. That's a reduction from the original \$30.9 million in total requests the departments approached him with.

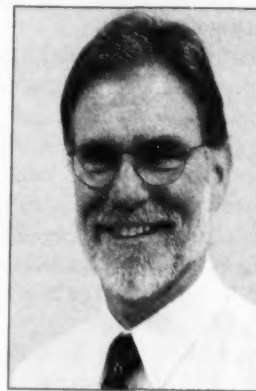
Stapczynski recommends a school department budget of \$46.8 million — a figure that's 10 percent higher than last year's appropriation of \$42.6 million. His number contains \$1.3 million to open the new schools this September.

The school department says it cannot stay within Prop. 2½ and maintain its current levels of staffing and service. It will ask voters for an extra \$1.13 million, in the form of a Prop. 2½ override article, at Town Meeting this spring. If approved, the extra money would bump the schools' budget up to \$47.9 million.

Not included in those numbers is a town request for \$1.1 million from free cash to cover a deficit in this year's spending on special education.

Stapczynski is wary of the amount of state aid the town will receive next year, in light of the recession and the state's own troubles with its budget. Therefore, he level-funded the state aid at \$11.3 million just to be on the safe side.

If next year's cherry sheets prove that less money is available, residents may have to go back to a Special Town Meeting to halt any projects they might approve in April, to make up the deficit.



Buzz Stapczynski

Will the state sell off Harold Parker State Forest?

By Rebecca Piro

It's been business as usual at Harold Parker State Forest, says Will Tapin, forest supervisor — and that doesn't include any real estate business.

Despite news reports that the state is looking into selling some of its land to fund the Clean Elections law, Tapin hasn't heard anything about the possible sale of Andover's largest piece of the commonwealth's property, Harold Parker.

A state official entered the assessor's office last week, requesting information about the town's state property, said Assessor Bruce Symmes. Symmes didn't ask for the man's identification, because the information he requested was public record. The man did, however, mention that the state was looking into the possibility of selling land, Symmes added.

"That's news to me," says Tapin, who is sure he would have heard if such a thing were pending. "I would hope it doesn't happen."

If it's happening at all, it's only in the very early stages — so early that the Department of Capital Asset Management, the state department that handles real estate transfers, hasn't heard about it, says DCAM spokesperson Kevin Flanigan.

"We don't have anything going on in Andover," he

says. "This may be something that's in future planning for a state agency, and they're just doing the (preparation) work."

DCAM isn't involved in the selling of any state property throughout the commonwealth, relative to Clean Elections, Flanigan says.

He does not know how much property the state would have to sell to fund the law. Since voters approved the Clean Elections law, legislators have failed to set aside the necessary money to fund the law, which would provide limits to the amount of money state candidates have to run their campaigns.

Workers at the regional office for the Department of Environmental Management have also heard nothing about the selling of state land. No one from the Boston office returned a phone call to the *Townsmen* this week.

Selling state land is not an easy process, says Tapin, who isn't sure whether the forest, presently protected, would be developable if sold. If state officials are considering selling, he says it would be a great loss for the town.

"We have it now. Why lose it? You're never going to get it back," he says.

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Grassroots activism: O'Brien wins big at caucus

■ DEMOCRATS

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Worcester, says Villarreal.

"There's nothing written in stone. Certainly someone could change their minds," she says. "No one has to sign anything that commits them to a candidate."

None of Andover's delegates were elected as undecided, she adds.

John Hess, a selectman and Chestnut Street resident, will head to the state convention as a delegate supporting O'Brien. He says he has no plans to change his mind.

"If my integrity is to be upheld, I won't change my mind," he says. "I announced who I would support, and that's why people voted for me."

Hess, who has met O'Brien in her visits to town, respects the job she's done in the treasurer's office and says that's the kind of fiscal responsibility the state needs right now. He also likes that she stands out from the male hopefuls.

"I think it's a good time to have a woman as a candidate," he adds.

O'Brien's local visits are probably responsible for some of her popularity in town, Villarreal says.

The treasurer traveled through Andover with US Sen. John Kerry years ago. She was a guest speaker at a breakfast that honored Jim Doherty and Gerry Silverman at Faith Lutheran Church about two years ago. She even came to peruse Andover's Bazaar Days, and chat with the local democrats.

"She has established longstanding ties in Andover," says Villarreal. "She has a lot of people who respect her and support the work she is doing."

The caucuses have been an unusually strong focal point for some candidates this year. Each candidate must garner support from 15 percent of the state's delegates to secure a spot on the ballot. For Reich, who announced his candidacy Jan. 9, it was an admitted scramble to meet and greet enough people. Reich's only four delegates in Andover are alternates, but he has significant support among the voting population, according to alternate Debra Silberstein.

Bill Galvin, state secretary, dropped out of the race last week, due to a lack of time and money to gather his 15 percent. Some of his former supporters have since

swung their support over to O'Brien, says Villarreal.

The committee chairwoman says the number and variety of candidates has probably increased enthusiasm and participation of the hundreds of voters who came to elect, or be elected at West Middle on Saturday.

"You hear about apathy, but when you see so many people excited about politics, you know it's alive," she says.

ANDOVER'S 16 DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES ARE:

- Alison Atwood
- Mary Jane Bausemer
- Jim Cuticchia
- Sondra Finegold
- Gerry Gustus
- John Hess
- Patricia McCall
- Peter McCarthy
- Donald Miller
- Mary Rinehart Stankiewicz
- Anthony Stankiewicz
- Nancy Stolberg
- Paul Stolberg
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- Joe Wright
- Pamela Wright

ANDOVER'S SIX ALTERNATE DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES ARE:

- Mark Bartner
- Doug Kuhlmann
- Jeffrey Renton
- Gale Ross
- Debra Silberstein
- Cynthia Stoltz

Keep Town Meeting, says League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters supports Andover Town Meeting. The league has performed a two-year study that ends this May. The study found that there is no reason to change Andover's current system at this time.

"(We found) no groundswell for changing from town meeting," said Lolli Sumberg, the league member who headed the study. The league looked at 30 towns in New England with varying forms of government. Towns examined include Methuen, Belmont, North Andover and Lexington. They found that Andover was the largest town (of those in their study) that used a town meeting to run the town.

Sumberg said that the success in Andover was due in no small part to Jim Doherty. "We have a strong moderator, he controls (the meeting)." But while the league found public and official support for town meeting, "People seem to want to keep town meeting, but they want to see it improved," said Sumberg.

She repeated co-presidents Diana Walsh and Liz Richter's call to make town meeting more user-friendly. One way the league thinks it can streamline town meeting is having pro and con microphones.

By watching how many line up at each microphone, a moderator could judge how much support an article has.

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Lyman unopposed in selectman's race

By Rebecca Piro

Selectman Mary Lyman won't have to run too hard in the selectman's race this year. In fact, she could easily pull up a chair and put up her feet.

Lyman is the lone candidate for the single open selectman's seat this spring.

"I'm not sure why no one (else) is running," she says. "That part is a mystery to me."



Mary Lyman

Lyman, 43, a School Street resident and mother of three, has served as selectman since Oct. 22, when she stepped up to fill in for the late Selectman Mary French, who died of a heart attack in September.

Selectmen appointed a volunteer to finish out French's term, which was scheduled to be up for election in March. Initially, Selectman Brian Major urged the board to choose a volunteer who

vowed not to run for selectman come springtime, to prevent any one candidate from getting a leg up over his or her competition.

Three months later, he's happy to know that Lyman will continue to attend Monday night board meetings.

"I told her that I hoped she'd run," he says. "I think Mary's done a fantastic job and she's really brought another perspective to the table."

Noting that this is the first selectman's race in six years without any competition, Major admits that Lyman probably has an advantage over other would-be candidates.

"I'm not sure that necessarily (stopped) anyone from submitting

Will town regulate Main Street signs?

Signs on Main Street's general business district are the next step in making Andover's downtown look more historic, says Ann Constantine, chairwoman of the Design Advisory Group.

She has filed a private warrant article in the name of the Design Advisory Group, asking voters to add a clause in the town bylaw prohibiting "internally-illuminated signs" in the general business district.

"We're trying to bring (the town) back to more traditional lighting," she says.

An internally-illuminated sign

is lit from the inside. Acceptable lighting includes signs lit from the back or from above.

Shops and businesses that already have internally-illuminated signs would be exempt from the bylaw change, Constantine says.

The general business district covers area from Elm Square to Locke Street, including Essex and Central streets, as well as a portion of Shawsheen Square. All other businesses in town not located in that district would not be affected, she adds.

— Rebecca Piro

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Opinion

Show us the money

There's some pretzel logic going around in Ballardvale. Clark Road residents will chip in \$54,000 at the urging of the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, if voters at Town Meeting will approve \$26,000 for traffic calming in Ballardvale.

This request comes at a time when everyone agrees that money in town is tight. The school department is asking voters for a \$1.13 million override just to cover its operating budget. Obviously, spending must be done very wisely, to make every dollar count.

What doesn't add up is why Clark Road residents need to ask voters for the \$26,000 in the first place. This same group sued Genetics Institute two years ago and won a settlement of \$100,000. Details are, of course, none of our business, as it was "a private settlement." They will say only that they used it to purchase *at least one* radar gun to track the speed of vehicles in their neighborhood.

But unless they bought a radar gun for every house on Clark Road, the \$100,000 Genetics Institute settlement should in fact pay for the entire \$80,000 cost of the project, the type of improvements the settlement was intended to pay for.

Will they go forward on their own if voters don't kick in by approving \$26,000 for traffic calming? They won't say. What happened to the \$100,000 they got from Genetics? They won't say.

This group would do well to take a page from the failed Will Hall senior center proposal.

You can't ask the public to give you money at the same time you cite confidentiality and refuse to be accountable. You can't have one palm outstretched, the other slapping down questions. Non-answers as convoluted as pretzels won't convince anyone that their money would be well spent.

And if voters at Town Meeting get the feeling they don't have enough information to make an educated decision? That's the easy part.

They should just say no.

LETTERS POLICY

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BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



With this week's cold snap, ice gives everything in the Park a crystalline appearance.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A pilgrimage to Ground Zero

By Joseph T. Ponti

It was something we had to do. My wife Louise, son Joe, daughter Amy and I left Andover in mid-morning on Jan. 18 and arrived in New York City by early afternoon and proceeded to pick up our timed tickets to view Ground Zero. A 6:30 p.m. slot gave us several hours of free time, resulting in a joint decision to visit Ellis Island.

The ferry ride to Liberty and then to Ellis islands provided a chilling backdrop to the Manhattan skyline, forever broken by the absence of the twin towers. However, the visit to Ellis, and the finding of our family names on the outdoor history board, was a real plus and an inspiration.

Riding back to Battery Park around 5:30 p.m. we could see in the distance the bright blue white construction lights on West Street heralding the non-stop activity at the Ground Zero site. A bitter cold wind struck our faces as we proceeded up Broadway. One could only imagine the scene that awaited us.

Friday night rush hour traffic was at its peak. As we neared Wall Street, Trinity Church appeared before us and groups of hastily erected memorials became visible. The wind started to anoint our tongues with the acrid taste of cement dust. As we passed Maiden Lane and John Street, visions of immense dust and rubble clouds haunted us.

The crowd thickened as we neared Saint Paul's Church at the brightly lit corner of Broadway and Fulton Street. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of lower Manhattan, it grew strangely quiet.

The fence in front of Saint Paul's was festooned with thousands of banners, signs, pictures, dried flower bouquets, withered Christmas wreaths and notes in memory of those lost on Sept. 11. Under the guidance of New York City's finest we presented our timed tickets, got in line, and started a slow shuffle up an inclined ramp towards the viewing platform. To our left stood the old AT&T headquarters building, and a life-like bronze sculpture of a dozen construction workers sitting in a huge I-beam casually eating their lunch spoke of happier times. Halfway up the ramp we paused to allow groups of 30

to approach the viewing sight for their allotted three minute visit. As we waited, looking across the dust-covered church graveyard to our right, one couldn't miss the tattered metal window blind tangled in the upper branches of a tree chattering in the wind. What a grim reminder of what occurred!

Finally a policeman signaled that our group could take the last few steps up the incline to the viewing area. Ablaze with blinding floodlights the 16-acre sight made its first reality impression on us. An almost surreal picture attacked one's brain as construction equipment continued its rapidly ending quest of clearing the sight of all signs of destruction. You had to move your head from left to right to take in the full breadth of the location. Surrounding buildings, showing numerous scars that would never heal, bravely flew all sizes of American flags.

Was it the cold that forced tears to most visitors eyes or was it the feeling of vast emptiness before us? The taste of cement in the air grew stronger the longer one stared into the abyss. Emotions of sadness, loss, anger and,

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LETTERS

US Postal 'Service' is an oxymoron

Editor, *Townsmen*:

To Margaret Dimock, Officer-In-Charge of Andover Post Office:

On Thursday, Jan. 17 the *Andover Townsman* reported that, according to a press release, the "Andover Post Office played a leading role in the Middlesex-Central Performance Cluster," which had a 97-percent customer satisfaction rating in the areas of accuracy of delivery, consistency of delivery, and professionalism in serving customers. Unfortunately, the *Townsmen* incorrectly carried the story in the "Business" section; it should have been in the "Tall Tales" section.

My mail is often delivered late – and is often not my mail. Let me be specific. The day that specific *Townsmen* was delivered, the mail was:

- Late – Delivered at 4:30 p.m., three hours later than normal.

- Not My Mail – Five items of the 12 items I received (41 percent) were for a neighbor.

This is not the first time that I have received mail for 29 River St. – this is a constant problem. We have also consistently received mail for 52 River St.

The topper, however, came Sat-

urday evening when my phone rang. It was my husband's cousin who lives here in Andover. They had sent us a Christmas card which, a month after it was mailed, was returned to them as "not deliverable as addressed" – even though the address was correct right down to the zip code. He decided to try again. He wrote out "Street" and underlined it and deposited it for pickup in the Ballardvale Station Post Office. A few days later, it was returned to him still "not deliverable as addressed." He is persistent, however, and has now added "Ballardvale" to the address and a note to the Post Office to "please deliver, this address is correct." We're waiting, without much hope, to see his Christmas greetings in time for Valentine's Day.

In closing, my husband and I agree that Andover Post Office should get an award for consistency – as the service is consistently bad. However, if this is the Post Office's idea of accuracy and professionalism, we'd hate to see what service would be like if it were rated poor.

Ginny Creese
25 River St.

Civility, activism marked town caucus

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Last Saturday, about 250 Andover voters packed into the West Middle School cafeteria to participate in the first step of the Democratic race for governor. The caucus to elect delegates to the state convention to take place in Worcester next June brought out those who want to play a part in the process. Some came to run as delegates; others to observe and participate. Some came to promote a candidate; others came willing to listen to the discussions. With standing room only, neighbors and friends waved across the room to each other, always delightfully surprised that others were present on a busy Saturday morning to take part in our town caucus.

Tip O'Neill said that all politics are local. Politics doesn't get any more local than what we witnessed last weekend. I am heartened by what I saw that morning. Though the place was filled with differences of opinion, the discourse remained polite, accommodating, and respectful.

Though it was the Andover Democratic Town Committee administering the event, the day really belonged to all the Democrats who came to have their say.

I was very proud of Andover on Saturday – may it serve as a model in civility and activism in the political season ahead.

Norma Villarreal
Chair, Andover Democratic
Town Committee

Astonishment at what had occurred there

■ PILGRIMAGE

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most of all, astonishment at what had occurred gripped everyone there. Stares were finally broken by the quiet request from the escorting policeman that it was time to move on.

The banner in front of Saint Paul's took on new meaning as the crowd went its own way. It

read: "You have broken our hearts, but not our spirits."

As a pilgrim to Ground Zero the moment will never leave me and the memory of this hallowed ground will harden my resolve to strive for a better world and peace. God bless America!

► Joseph T. Ponti writes from
16 Alden Road.

Patriots victory in Super Bowl XXXVI comes at poignant time

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Sunday, the New England Patriots pulled off a thrilling 20-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI. The victory is the first world championship for the Patriots, and it could not have come at a more poignant time for our country.

Since September 11th, the courageous acts of countless Americans have set a new standard for the nation. Indeed, a new American spirit has been forged. That spirit is characterized by sacrifice, humility, and a refusal to quit in the face of adversity. At a time when our entire country is banding together and facing down individualism, the Patriots set a wonderful example, showing us all what is possible when we work together, believe in each other, and sacrifice for the greater good.

That example came from the top, and it came from the start of the season. Choosing to be introduced before the game as a team, not as individuals, the Patriots set the tone for their victory. Coach Bill Belichick stressed teamwork, saying that only by working together could the Patriots overcome their opponent, the best team in the NFL's regular season, the St. Louis Rams.

The coach put his faith in second-year quarterback Tom Brady, the youngest quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl, and the eventual MVP of the game. At the same time, Drew Bledsoe, team captain and the consummate team

player, cheered him – and the entire team – from the sideline.

But this was not a game won by a star quarterback alone, it was a team effort. No one player rose above the rest – but together, they excelled and defied long odds. The defense, a no-name bunch forced to depend on each other, stifled the high-octane Rams offense. It was this defense, led by guys like Ty Law, Tedy Bruschi, Mike Vrabel, and rookie Richard Seymour, that got the Patriots ahead early in the game.

The second half saw a Rams comeback, and a lesser team could have fallen under such dire circumstances. But these Patriots once again banded together, for one final drive. With the game tied, momentum on the side of the Rams, and overtime seemingly inevitable, the Patriots showed their true spirit, using running back Kevin Faulk, receiver Troy Brown, and intelligent play from Brady to drive from inside their own 20 yard line to give kicker Adam Vinatieri a chance to win the game with only 7 seconds left on the clock. As his kick sailed through the uprights, the Patriots completed their unthinkable task: they defeated the Rams, and won their world championship.

All of us in Massachusetts, and indeed all who live in New England, are proud of the Patriots and their extraordinary season. They finished the season with 9 straight victories, a feat that could only be accomplished by a team using all 53 players on its roster. The Patriots had to win two tough

playoff games to make the Super Bowl. And even after these improbable victories over the Oakland Raiders and Pittsburgh Steelers, they were big underdogs to the Rams yesterday. Unfazed by these odds, the Patriots won again, defying their critics and naysayers.

Eight years ago Bob Kraft bought the Patriots, and today he will bring the Lombardi trophy home to fans who have been waiting for 42 years. Congratulations.

The Rams also deserve credit, as they had a spectacular season and played a wonderful game. They are certainly an impressive team.

The Patriots' hard work and dedication encapsulates the new spirit in America. I urge the Senate to approve this well-deserved resolution. In Boston, April 15th is Patriot's Day – a day when we celebrate the brave men and women who fought for our nation's independence. But, for generations of New England sports fans – from Bangor to Boston – Sunday, Feb. 3 will always be our Patriots' Day.

Today, the New England Patriots are the true patriots all over the land. Their perseverance, teamwork and devotion represent the best of America, and I'm proud to call them not only my home team, but also world champions.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy
D-Mass.
Washington, DC

Grass-roots politics is alive and kicking

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Democratic caucuses on Saturday.

For those who say that grass-roots politics is dead, they should have been in the West Middle School Cafeteria to see the large turnout.

Though many participants did not get their particular candidate selected, they all did their respective choice proud.

I especially want to commend the officers of the Andover Town Democratic Committee for their organization and hard work.

I hope that people will continue to be active, whether it be for a Democratic or any other grass-roots activity. Activism is part of our democratic duty – a duty that was fulfilled by the people of Andover last Saturday.

Barry R. Finegold
State Representative

Dems welcomed Reich supporters at local caucus

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Andover Democrat Town Committee and their chair, Norma Villarreal, should be commended for their hard work at our local caucus on Saturday. The Andover Democrat Town Committee welcomed the many Reich supporters (predominantly newcomers to this process) and were respectful of our efforts and involvement. This was an honest effort by longtime Committee members to facilitate the democratic process and enhance interaction between community members. While "diversity" at the caucus was not evident on our skin, it was clearly in all our minds.

Astounding numbers of

Andover citizens came to the caucus for the first time ever to support Bob Reich as a candidate for Governor. There was no time for any organized effort, only a rising tide of support for a fresh face and independent leadership. Those who have heard Reich's message of the need in Massachusetts for economic security, job skill development, and closing the growing gap of income and wealth inequality came out on a cold Saturday morning to participate in grassroots politics... the foundation of those idealistic principles on which our political process was founded.

The Andover Democrat Town committee facilitated this process and all the Reich delegate runners and voters in Andover helped to make Bob Reich a formidable candidate for governor on Saturday.

Debra Rahmin Silberstein
68 Main St.

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Deal seeks traffic-calming

■ BALLARDVALE

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fund the entire amount?

"I don't entirely understand how this is going to work," Huntress says.

He and Verzola agree that there are loopholes in the logic, but say they can't give answers — at least not yet.

"Everything is confidential," says Verzola, apologetically.

One of the reasons for secrecy is because the settlement money is somehow tied to the second lawsuit that the Ballardvale neighbors recently filed against Genetics. Verzola says she can't talk about the latest "agreement," which is not yet final.

Verzola has maintained that the Ballardvale neighbors don't need to explain

their use of the \$100,000, because it was a private settlement. She says the residents have used it to purchase at least one radar gun to track speeds of vehicles in the area.

The settlement agreement states that the money must be used to improve traffic conditions in Ballardvale, but cannot be used against Genetics. So when Ballardvale residents tried to oppose Genetics' latest expansion plans by using radar-gun data, some residents and town employees questioned whether the residents were obeying the settlement's conditions.

Spending the \$54,000 on sidewalk expansions, crosswalks and speed tables (raised portions of the road to slow drivers down) would certainly improve Ballard-

vale's safety, says Verzola — what the settlement agreement was intended to do.

But is this the year to ask residents to spend tax money on sidewalks?

"We do believe that money is tight, and to give (even) five dollars would be difficult," says Verzola. "I'm not confident, (but) I want to feel confident."

The task force has 2½ months until Town Meeting to convince voters that these improvements are timely and necessary. That might not happen if residents feel they don't have enough information to make an educated decision.

But Verzola says her hands are tied.

"I guess we'll have to deal with it in April," she says.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Safe crossing — With the train gates rising, Dan Abreu and Nick Milley of Pole Hill Drive cross the road in front of Spinner's Pizza on a recent afternoon.

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Preparing, repairing athletes in the Olympics

By Ben Hellman

"Imagine yourself driving down the highway at 65 mph in your car," said Olympic physical therapist Doug White, of Andover. "Now imagine someone passing by you two inches from the ground on a sled." Skeleton is an old event that had been in the Olympic Games before, but not since 1948. "(It was) the first sliding sport," said White.



Doug White

He should know. He has trained the US team for two years and patches them up when they injure themselves.

White could have been chosen for skiing or skating. When they told him he was chosen for skeleton, he asked, "What is that?"

Now that he has worked with the sport, he describes it as, "full, frontal lugging." He says that when someone falls off of a sled at 80 mph, their suit melts to them. White has seen second to third degree burns, concussions and a fractured pelvis. "It's a labor-rich environment," he joked. Of sledding injuries, he says that skeleton racers don't hurt themselves in

minor ways. "It's all or nothing. There's nothing between you and the ice."

Skeleton sledders face 4 to 5 G forces. "If your head weighs 20 pounds, it feels like a hundred pounds. It's like (being) a fighter pilot." White says that at 5 Gs, your eyeballs actually flex inwards. "Contact lenses pop out."

Of working with Olympic athletes, White says, "They are a great group of guys and gals. They execute (their races) so precisely. They recover (from injury) much faster than you or I. I don't know how they do it." White says that the team sent him down the track once. "I didn't want to move for three days."

White is excited about the games starting, but feels the pressure. "(The athletes) represent my abilities. If I did my job right no one knows about it." He compared skeleton being upgraded to an Olympic event to the Patriots going to the Super Bowl.

Skeleton has turned out to be to White's liking. "I have more input, I'm more a part." He said that if he were working with marathon runners minutes were factors that affected the athletes. "In this sport, gratification is instant." A hundredth of a second makes a difference says White. "You blink your eyes and you've gone from first to second." That means that an injury like a sprained ankle could mean the gold.

Of his job, White said, "There are 15 (winter) Olympic sports. That means there are only 14 other guys doing what I am. A lot of people want to be doing what I am doing."

But White has his priorities in check. With a week to go before the opening of the Olympic Games he is back in Andover to spend time with his wife. "I'm gone quite a bit in the winter. She would like me to be home more."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Zoning Board of Appeals ruled Monday night in favor of John Shaw, owner of Wildwood Nurseries.

ZBA dismisses complaints about Wildwood

By Rebecca Piro

The Zoning Board of Appeals has washed its hands of complaints about dirt at Wildwood Nurseries.

Members ruled unanimously Monday night that the business has not changed significantly within the last five decades of its operation, despite complaints from Holt Road residents Margaret and Harold Gillam.

The Gillams complained to the town last year that Wildwood had significantly increased the amount of fill it was towing to and from its location at the corner of Holt and Wildwood roads. Besides nuisances of dirt and noise, the Gillams claimed that the business was no longer a nursery, but was now an excavation business — something that Mass. General Law prohibits from a residential neighborhood.

The town building inspector examined Wildwood's operations last spring and determined that no illegal operations were taking place. In response, the Gillams, who admitted they were the only residents with complaints about Wildwood, filed a petition in September asking the ZBA to overturn the inspector's decision and take action against Wildwood.

Monday night was the final meeting on the Wildwood case. About 25 people filled Memorial Hall

Library's conference room in support of John Shaw, owner of Wildwood Nurseries. Though the meeting was one-half hour late in starting, due to the tardiness of one board member, the ZBA spent only five minutes deliberating and then deciding the case. The ZBA had already taken testimony from both sides in a prior meeting last January, said Chairman Dan Casper.

"We heard a lot of testimony that the use hasn't changed," said member Stephen Anderson.

"I don't see enough (evidence) for us ... to overturn the decision of the building inspector not to shut (Wildwood) down," agreed Casper.

The Gillams left the meeting quickly, but called the *Townsmen* Tuesday with a prepared statement.

"We are dismayed by this decision. We believe state and local laws have been ignored, as well as evidence presented during proceedings, including town records. We are considering our options," said Margaret Gillam.

The Shaws had no comment, with the exception of their lawyer, Joseph Wadland, expressing thanks to the many neighbors who showed up to give the business their support.

"(The Shaws) would just like to go home and enjoy (the favorable decision) now," said Wadland.

Skier

■ BRENDA PETZOLD

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events do not happen until Feb. 16 and 18. Her grief reminds us that heroes are human too.

Petzold says she misses New England and hopes to return to finish college some day. She recently missed the 76th birthday of her great-aunt, Andover resident Ann Burke.

"I miss her terribly," said Petzold. Petzold gets her news from Andover from her sister Lauren

Remes, who sends Petzold a large envelope with the mail she receives each month. "She clips the police log from the *Andover Townsman* and sends it to me. I always look forward to it." Petzold says that reading the police log is her way of keeping in touch with her Andover roots.

Notwithstanding the death of her cat, Petzold is very excited. "I'm jazzed. I can't wait." On getting to the Olympics, she says, "It's a long time coming." She said she is excited that the Olympics are happening in the US, and that her family is coming to Salt Lake City to see her.

Of her performance in the games, she says, "I've been jumping pretty well this season. I should do pretty well."

Andover residents who would like to show their support to Petzold can do so by e-mail at the US Ski team's official Web site: <www.ussskiteam.com>.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, Feb. 1 — At 11:02 a.m., Leonardo Ramalho, 21, of 9 Depot Square, Apt. 2B, Ipswich, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, refusing to correctly identify himself to police and driving without registration.

Sunday, Feb. 3 — At 2:56 a.m., Milton Maciel, 32, of 23 County St., Peabody, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

At 10:31 p.m., Jonathan Reid, 20, of 315 Turnpike St., North Andover,

was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and being a minor transporting alcohol.

Monday, Feb. 4 — At 12:06 a.m., John Mascia, 21, of 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, was arrested by Merrimack College police and booked at the Andover Station. He was charged with trespassing.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 — At 4:01 p.m., Fleury DePaula, 23, of 293 Ferry St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distributing a Class B substance. Also arrested was Alberto Maldonado, 19, of 203 Ferry St., Lawrence, who was also charged with distribut-

ing a Class B substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — At 3:23 p.m., an officer reported that two small dogs were running loose around Central Street and causing a traffic problem. The animal control officer gave the owner a verbal warning for a leash-law violation.

At 9:44 p.m., a female reported that she and her boyfriend were having a serious argument. A responding officer determined that both people had been drinking. The officer trans-

ported the female to a place where her friends planned to pick her up for the night.

Thursday, Jan. 31 — At 2:49 a.m., Andover police assisted Tewksbury police in looking for a suspect involved in an attempted robbery at Tewksbury's Fairfield Inn. The suspect, who had stated that he had a gun but had not shown one, fled from the scene on foot and eluded police.

At 8:44 a.m., a male picked up two dogs that were loose on Interstate 495. He brought the two dogs to the station, where the owner came to pick them up.

At 8:03 p.m., a Stowe Court resident reported that some kids were throwing ice balls at the house. An officer gave the kids "the word."

Friday, Feb. 1 — At 10:11 a.m., a detective gave a court summons for possession of a Class D substance to a party that he found sitting inside a vehicle at the west Andover Mobil station.

At 10:37 p.m., police assisted the fire department in extinguishing a telephone pole fire on Dale Street.

Saturday, Feb. 2 — At 2:56 p.m., a Bridle Path Road resident reported

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This home on Dascomb Road sold for \$220,500 in October.

Alexis L. Potts bought 9 Colonial Drive for \$115,000 from Angela M. Hodin and Angela M. Romanski. The mortgage is with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.

Andrew P. and Lesa S. Botti and Lesa Stramando bought 129 Chestnut St. for \$383,000 from Beth L. Bernstein. The mortgage is with Monument Mortgage Co. Inc.

David and Nancy Strack bought 17 Keystone Way for \$735,000 from Vijay C. and Randy M. Tharani. The mortgage

is with Washington Mutual Bank. Karl J. Warner and Elizabeth A. Johnson bought 15 Elysian Drive for \$428,250 from Leontine M. Hartzell. The mortgage is with First Eastern Mortgage Group.

James A. and Kathleen M. Cyrier bought 21 Pomeroy Road for \$220,000 from Irma Williams, executor of the John P. Edwards Trust.

Douglas and Vikkilyn Gallagher bought 22 Grey Birch Road for \$690,000 from Thomas S. and Lisa M. Guy. The mortgage

is with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Inc.

Kristine A. Arakelian bought 98 Haverhill St. for \$192,000 from Patricia Sciacca. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

Barbara Zoe Alexi bought 98 Haverhill St. for \$95,000 from Patricia Sciacca. The mortgage is with ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc.

Gregory J. Batten bought 128 Dascomb Road for \$220,500 from Ruth L. McSurdy, executor of the Viola C. Reed Estate. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

Jean A. and Samuel Demoura bought 2 Colonial Drive for \$134,900 from Paul J Segreue. The mortgage is with National City Mortgage Co, Commonwealth United Mortgage Co.

— The above home sales, properties that sold in Andover from Oct. 10 to Oct. 31, were compiled by Ben Hellman from public information at the Registry of Deeds in Lawrence.

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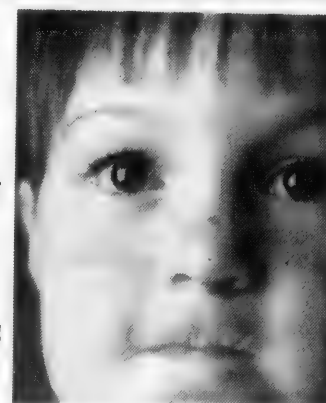
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Lyman unopposed

■ SELECTMAN'S RACE

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paperwork, though," he says.

Lyman, who never said she wouldn't run, admits that she may have a bit of an advantage – but says it's not much.

"It's not like I had a year," she says. "It's like three months and that's not a huge window. Easily there's room for someone to run and expect that they could win."

But she's not terribly disappointed with the turnout.

"There's a whole side of me that wants (the competition of) democracy, and there's another side of me that says I can spend time on the budget and other things," she says. "Either way it will be time well spent."

Not that she'll miss standing on the street corners holding signs.

"One (option) is a little colder than the other," she laughs.

Lyman is no stranger to competition. To win her School Committee seat, which she held from 1992 to 1995, Lyman ran against five other candidates, including an incumbent, for two open seats. She faced off with her competition in 11 separate debates. She fought a snowstorm to get to the polls that March.

"It was unbelievable," she says.

Her time on the School Committee, and her seven years spent as the pupil personnel director, makes the stay-at-home mom sympathetic of the schools' needs – spelled out in the \$1.13 million Proposition 2½ override the school department will seek at Town Meeting.

But, as a selectman, Lyman also sees that residents are hard-pressed to find extra pennies to spend on

taxes. She says she needs to review the schools' request in detail before she decides whether she'll support the override.

She's spent her three months as interim selectman rallying for issues that include affordable housing and the Community Preservation Act – a piece of legislation that raises property taxes up to an additional 3 percent, matches those funds with state money, and sets it aside for the community to use for affordable housing, historic preservation and open space.

Lyman initially supported passage of the CPA at its maximum 3 percent. Now that the Act is officially on the Town Meeting warrant, Lyman is hopeful that voters will pass it at any percentage, just as long as they seize what she calls an opportunity.

Lyman is also charging ahead on the effort for a new senior center. As the selectmen liaison to the Senior Center Committee, she attends meetings and discusses options for a new center. With a full term ahead of her, Lyman says she'll make it one of her priorities, thereby addressing a major need of one of the fastest growing populations in town – senior citizens.

Lyman hopes that the lack of challengers to her seat is a signal that voters are pleased with what they see. She's confident that if residents have suggestions for her improvement, they'll let her know.

"I'll know what I need to work on," she says.



Mary Lyman was sworn in as selectman by Town Clerk Randy Hanson back on Oct. 22, to serve the remainder of the late Mary French's term. Lyman is now running unopposed for election.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Zwicker

*Lifelong resident
was an avid gardener*

Barbara (Milnes) Zwicker, 82, of Andover, died Friday, Feb. 1 at Wingate at Andover.

Mrs. Zwicker was born and raised in Andover. She was a graduate of Pynchard High School and lived in Andover all of her life.

She was an avid gardener and for many years her beautiful flower gardens had countless admirers, family members said. She also loved candlepin bowling and was an excellent bowler, her family said, winning numerous awards.

She was the widow of Ernest D. Zwicker.

Members of her family include her son, Robert L. Zwicker, with whom she lived; sister-in-law, Edna Milnes of Franklin, N.H.; and several nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army Massachusetts Headquarters, 147 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Joseph Bonfilio

*Five-time Andover golf
champion; salesman*

Joseph Bonfilio, 90, of Medford, died at the Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach, Fla.

He was an avid golfer and won the Andover Country Club's annual golf tournament five times.

Mr. Bonfilio was a salesman for C. Pappas Liquors in Boston for more than 40 years.

Members of his family include his wife, Eleanor Bonfilio; sons and daughters-in-law, Edward J. and Claire Bonfilio of Brookline, James E. and Dolores "Lola" Bonfilio of Winchester, and Ronald and Luana Bonfilio of Washington, D.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Arrangements were by Beals-Geake-Magliozi Funeral Home, 29 Governors Ave., Medford.

Milton A. Woocher

Lived at Marland Place

Milton A. Woocher, 89, of Andover and Palm Beach, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 24 at Joseph Morse Geriatric Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Woocher was an attorney and former president of Precision Container Corporation, a manu-

facturing company, located on Long Island, N.Y. He was also co-director, with his wife, Sylvia Woocher, of Medical Aide Training Schools (MATS), a chain of vocational schools and medical placement agencies. MATS enabled hundreds of men and women to learn a career and enter the medical profession.

Mr. Woocher formerly lived with his wife at Royal Crest in North Andover while maintaining a winter home in Florida.

He was a resident of Marland Place in Andover from August 2001 until last month, when he returned to Florida to enter the same nursing home as his wife, who has Alzheimer's.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, members of his family include daughter, Lois Woocher Karfunkel and her husband, Dr. Perry Karfunkel, of Andover; son, Elliot Woocher of Mt. Kisco, N.Y.; and several grandchildren, including Robin and Brian Woocher Karfunkel of Andover.

Services were held at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel in Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Florence E. Buck

Was Andover native

Florence Elizabeth (Bernard) Buck, 77, of Andover, died Satur-

day, Feb. 2 at home.

Born in Andover, Mrs. Buck was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her husband, Kenneth T. Buck; sons and their wives, John and Gladys Buck of Haverhill, Peter and Sandra Buck of Andover, James and Jacqueline Buck of Salem, N.H., David and Mary Buck of Methuen, Joseph and Janice Buck of Methuen, Paul and Lisa Buck of Haverhill, Kenneth and Karen Buck of Haverhill, Stephen Buck of Derry, N.H., and Robert Buck of Andover; daughter, Nancy McLean of Methuen; brothers, John Bernard of Londonderry, N.H., and Herbert and Leo Bernard, both of Andover; sisters, Amelia Candala of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Evelyn Marshall of Salem; 20 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Viola Galley

*Owned and operated the
former Typewriter Shop on
Essex Street in Lawrence*

Viola (McDade) Galley, 99, of Andover, died Friday, Feb. 1 at MI Nursing-Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Galley attended McIntosh Business School in Lawrence. She moved to Andover in 1945, and owned and operated the former Typewriter Shop on Essex Street in Lawrence.

Mrs. Galley was a longtime member of Christ Church, where she volunteered at the thrift shop.

She was the widow of Howard E. Galley.

Members of her family include

DEATHS

Joseph Bonfilio
Florence E. Buck, 77
Jeremiah J. Fitzgerald, 85
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Mark A. Tetreault, 48
Walter Tusen, 83
Charles H. Winters, 85
Milton A. Woocher, 89
Barbara Zwicker, 82

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

PRESTON — Vivian M. Preston, 68, of Chester, N.H., died Wednesday, Jan. 30 while traveling in Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Preston worked for many years for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover.

TETREAULT — Mark A. Tetreault, 48, of Quincy and previously of Andover, died Monday, Feb. 4 at home. Members of his family include his parents, Joseph George and Lorraine (Gamache) Tetreault, a brother, David Tetreault, and a sister, Janet Trachym, all of Andover.

her son, Charles A. and wife Sandra Galley of Andover; daughter, Jane Connors of Burlington, Vt.; sister, Doris Laycock; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Howard E. Galley Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, Central Street, Andover, 01810.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

George W. Minkkinen age 81

Fitchburg — **George W. Minkkinen** age 81 of 7302 East Oakridge Circle, Lantana, Florida and formerly of 660 Ashburnham Street, Fitchburg died January 31, 2002 at Bridgeport Connecticut after an illness.

He is the husband 58 years of late Myra V. (Makela) Minkkinen who died August 10, 2001.

He is survived by three sons; Allan Minkkinen of Andover, MA., David Minkkinen of Dallas, GA, and Steven Minkkinen of Denton, MD, two daughters Karen M. Minkkinen-Page of Conway, NH, Janice E. Roy of Fairfield, CT, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by Bertha Brandt.

He was born in Pieksamaki, Finland on June 2 1920, a son of the late Otto and Amanda Minkkinen. He is a graduate of Gardner High School the Class of 1939. He received his Associates Degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology and received his Bachelors of Science in Engineering from Boston University in 1966. He Served in the US Army during World War II as a Tech 4. He married Mrs. Minkkinen on May 29, 1943 and they built their home at 660 Ashburnham Street, and lived there for 52 Years, Before moving to Lantana, Florida 18 years ago. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer for General Electric in Fitchburg for many years before retiring in 1984. He is a Former Member of the Beth Eden Baptist Church in Fitchburg and the Pilgrim Covenant Church in Lunenburg. He was a member of the Revontulet Finnish Folk Dancers in Fitchburg, the Pointe Overlook Social Club in Lantana Florida, the Finnish Center at Saima Park in Fitchburg, and the Fitchburg Finnish Historical Society. A former member of the American Legion Cleghorn Post #429 in Fitchburg.

Funeral Services will be on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. in the Westminster Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, 123 Main Street. Calling Hours will be Tuesday from 7-9 P.M.

Flowers May be Sent or Memorial Contributions may be made to the Raivaaja Finnish Historical Fund, 164 Elm Street, Fitchburg Massachusetts 01420 or left at the Funeral Home.

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OBITUARIES

Jeremiah J. Fitzgerald*Was IRS tax examiner*

Jeremiah J. Fitzgerald, 85, of Andover, died Sunday, Feb. 3 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a tax examiner at the Internal Revenue Service.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School. He later graduated from Merrimack College.

During World War II, Mr. Fitzgerald served in the Army.

He was a parishioner of St. Augustine Church.

He was the widower of Catherine (Judge) Fitzgerald.

Members of his family include his sister, Beatrice G. Ellis of Lawrence; and several nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Beatrice S. Porter*Attended St. Augustine's*

Beatrice S. (Meuse) Porter, 81, of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 2 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

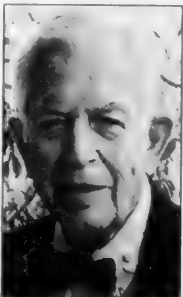
Born in Reading, Mrs. Porter was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of George A. Porter.

Members of her family include her sons, Dennis B. and wife Andre Porter of Arlington, Texas, and George A. Porter, with whom she lived; daughters, Patricia A. White of Methuen, and Jean and husband William Loehr of Lawrence; brother, Ralph Meuse of Bedford; sister, Edith Nestor of Wakefield; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Miner memorial service is Feb. 16

A memorial service for Joshua L. Miner III of School Street will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at Phillips Academy's Cochran Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joshua L. Miner Memorial Scholarship Fund, Outward Bound USA, 100 Mystery Point Road, Garrison, NY 10524.



Joshua L. Miner III

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Church, with burial in Christ Church Cemetery.

Leon B. Shapiro*Was a self-employed Chippewa boot salesman*

Leon B. "Bill" Shapiro, 85, of Delray Beach, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Friday, Feb. 1 at Delray Community Hospital.

Born in Hancock, Md., and educated in New York, Mr. Shapiro was a self-employed boot salesman with Chippewa Boot Co. for more than 30 years.

He moved to Florida in 1981.

Mr. Shapiro served in the Army Air Corps Medical Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of master sergeant in the medic and MASH unit.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

Members of his family include his wife of 55 years, Bernice (Uris) Shapiro; sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Debbie Shapiro of Winchester, Michael and Karen Shapiro of Pelham,

N.H., and Steven and Susan Shapiro of Purchase, N.Y.; brother, Saul "Mickey" Shapiro of Baltimore, Md.; sister, Anne Schiff of Boca Raton, Fla.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation Development Dept., c/o Marc Lichtman or Lois Hefernan, 1501 North West 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

Funeral services were held in Temple Emanuel of Andover. A memorial observance will be held at the residence of Michael and Karen Shapiro, 5 Stephanie Drive, Pelham, N.H., through today, Thursday, Feb. 7.

Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill.

Walter Tusen*Ran dairy farm with his family in Salem*

Walter Tusen, 83, of Salem, N.H., died Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

Mr. Tusen was a manager at Weights & Measures for New Hampshire. He also owned and operated Tusen's Dairy Farm with his family in Salem.

Born in Lawrence, he lived in Salem for the last 74 years. He was a member and past president of the Salem Lions Club and was

past district deputy for the State of New Hampshire Lions.

He was a former Salem Planning Board member. He was also a former member off the Republican Club in Salem.

He was the widower of Olga (Turchan) Tusen.

Members of his family include cousins, Cynthia, Gloria and Jordan Burko, all of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Lions Club, care of William Kimball, 255 Main St., Salem, NH 03079.

Arrangements were by Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem.

Charles H. Winters*Letter carrier in Andover for 29 years*

Charles H. Winters, 85, of Andover, died Monday, Feb. 4 at Colonial Heights Nursing Home.

Mr. Winters retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 29 years as a letter carrier in Andover.

He was born in Andover. He attended St. Augustine Church.

During World War II, Mr. Winters served in the Army.

Members of his family include sons, Charles E., James, and Shawn Winters, all of Andover, and Kevin Winters of Methuen; daughter, Belinda Sapienza of North Andover; brothers, Philip

Winters of Hampton, N.H., Joseph Winters of Falls Church, Va., and John Winters of Madison, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was also father of the late Lt. Col. Michael P. Winters.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Raymond S. LaRosa*Former lieutenant for Andover Fire Department*

Raymond Sebastian LaRosa, 73, of Danvers and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 2 at Rosewood Nursing Home in West Peabody.

Mr. LaRosa was born in Andover, attended St. Augustine Church, and was formerly a lieutenant with the Andover Fire Department.

He was the former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Midway and was a political adviser to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy during his senatorial

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OBITUARIES

■ **RAYMOND LAROSA***Continued from page 15*

campaign in 1962. In 1968, Mr. LaRosa played a role in organizing the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's run for the presidency and he remained a close political confidant to the Kennedy family.

Mr. LaRosa was one of the pioneers of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and its predecessor, the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency. He served during the late 1960s as a senior regional field officer for New York and Massachusetts. He was the first regional fire representative for the US Fire Administration.

A career highlight for him was his service as the federal liaison for Massachusetts during the Blizzard of 1978. His efforts with congress helped expedite assistance to the state.

Members of his family include

his daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Donny Elkins of Windham, N.H. and Betty Ann and John "Jed" Birch of Littleton, N.H.; a sister, Helen Longo of Danvers; four grandchildren; and his longtime friend and companion, Diane Coffin of Danvers, with whom he lived.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lakeway Elementary Ski Program, c/o Sally Fields, Mildred C. Lakeway Elementary School, Littleton, NH 03561.

Dorothy E. Lane

Former Andover resident

Dorothy E. Lane, 83, of Jersey City, N.J. and formerly of

Andover, died Sunday, Feb. 3 at home.

She was born in Medford and graduated from Medford High School. She also graduated from Burdette College in Boston. Early in her career, she worked for Judge Franklin W. Miles in Boston. More recently, she co-established local origination cable television in Brunswick, Maine.

Mrs. Lane was an avid reader, historian, musician, and a staunch defender of private property and privacy rights. Family members said she was a descendant of Nathaniel Gorham, a signer of the Constitution and president of the Continental Congress. Her family roots are also connected to John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, passengers on the *Mayflower*.

She was the widow of Robert Edward Lane, who died in 1969.

Members of her family include

sons, Robert Lane and wife, Deborah, of Andover and A. Charles Lane of Jersey City; sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles A. Thomann of Andover; and three grandchildren.

A Mass will be celebrated

today, Thursday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Bromirski Funeral Home, 221 Warren St., Jersey City, N.J.

Armed robbery near town line

Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place early Wednesday morning near the Andover-Lawrence line.

Around 1:30 a.m. yesterday, Wednesday, a Lawrence male was held up at gunpoint by an unidentified female, says Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo.

The male, who police believe had met the female on the Internet, called her and arranged to meet her near North Street. When he got arrived, the female surprised him with a weapon and demanded all of his money.

The male handed over the little money that was in his pockets and ran. Police are still trying to understand the connection between the suspect and the victim, says Pattullo.

— Rebecca Piro

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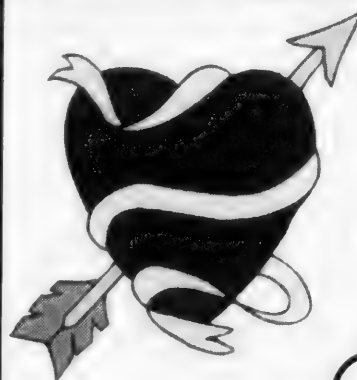
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POLICE LOG

INCIDENTS

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harrassment.

At 8:43 p.m., a Tiffany Lane resident reported that he had just arrived home to find his house "torn apart" and his son saying he had been beaten up. A responding officer spoke with the son, who then admitted that he hadn't been beaten up, but had a pre-Super Bowl party.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - At 10:08 a.m., police received a burglary alarm from Royal Jewelers, which had been broken into last week. Responding officers found a cleaning man in the building. They took his information and made sure the rest of the building was secure, according to the log.

At 12:06 p.m., an Alderbrook Road resident reported that someone had left a case of beer on her property.

At 10:31 p.m., Merrimack College campus police reported that a group of about 200 kids standing outside one of the school buildings had set something on fire. Andover fire and police departments found a pile of debris, as well as a dumpster set on fire. One person, Jonathan Reid, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and being a minor transporting

alcohol.

Monday, Feb. 4 - At 5:20 p.m., police responded to the home of a 37-year-old female who had attempted suicide. The female was transported to the hospital for treatment.

At 6:28 a.m., a Bailey Road resident reported a fight outside between two females and one male. A responding officer spoke to the parties.

At 12:11 p.m., an employee from West Middle School reported that a female student was truant, along with her sister who attends Andover High School. The girls' mother reported that she was looking for them both.

At 3:25 p.m., a caller reported a domestic argument between two kids and their mother. A responding officer was to file.

At 10:11 p.m., an officer issued a court summons for possession of a Class B substance to a party sitting in a vehicle parked at west Andover Mobil station.

BREAKS

Monday, Feb. 4 - At 5:02 a.m., an employee from Dunkin' Donuts reported that the store had been broken into and money stolen the night before.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - At 11:19 a.m., a male reported that his 8-week-old male Golden Retriever had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked outside the Express Mart on Railroad Street.

Thursday, Jan. 31 - At 11:42 a.m., a Brown Street resident reported that someone had been using her name, Social Security number and checks without permission.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - At 10:19 a.m., a Forbes Lane resident reported that some jewelry had been stolen from her home.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - At 9:21 p.m., two guests at the Ramada Rolling Green Hotel reported that the spare tires from the back of their SUVs had been stolen.

Friday, Feb. 1 - At 6:32 a.m., a car struck a dog on Tewksbury Street. The animal control officer brought the dog to the animal hospital for treatment.

Saturday, Feb. 2 - At 1:13 p.m., an employee from the 99 Restaurant on Lowell Street reported that a black "smashed-up" car had been sitting in the restaurant's parking lot for the last

few days. A responding officer determined that the vehicle was not stolen, but listed as property of a Shrewsbury resident. The officer planned to try to contact the owner to find out why the car was there.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - At 2:30 p.m., an officer gave a verbal warning to a driver who failed to stop to let a pedestrian cross the street in a crosswalk on Bartlet Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - At 2:37 p.m., a Whittier Street resident reported that his license plates had been stolen off his vehicle.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - At 1:04 p.m., police responded to Osgood Street where a driver had swerved to keep from hitting a squirrel, and hit a tree instead. No one was injured in the accident.

At 4:54 p.m., a car struck a pole on Lupine Road. No one was injured but the vehicle was towed away. Police called Mass Electric to check the pole for damage.

Thursday, Jan. 31 - At 4:06 p.m., a caller reported that a car had slid into a median on Union Street. No one was with the vehicle when police arrived. The vehicle was towed away.

At 5:17 p.m., a vehicle was towed away after it slid off the side of the road on South Main Street. No one was injured.

Friday, Feb. 1 - Between 12:42 and 3:30 p.m., five vehicles slid off roads due to inclement weather. No one was injured. In most cases, the vehicles were either towed or assisted by a tow truck to get back on the road.

At 12:46 p.m., two cars collided on School Street. No one was injured and both vehicles were towed away.

At 2:58 p.m., two cars hit each other on Osgood Street. Both vehicles were towed and no one was injured.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - At 9:48 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was lying on its side on Morton Street. One person was sent to the hospital for injuries and the car was towed away. The officer issued a citation to the driver to violating the junior operator restriction law and having an open container of alcohol in the car.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - At 5:51 p.m., a three car accident happened on Shaw-shen Road. Two of the vehicles were towed but no one was injured.

VANDALISM

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Committee opts to wait on naming schools

Members disinclined to name new schools after people

By Ben Hellman

The School Committee closed in on names for the new schools this week, but put off the final decision again for another week.

The committee moved to cut personal names from the list, shying away from showing preference to a particular person or that person's memory.

But striking personal names doesn't include Pynchard or Shattuck, family names that have become public institutions to longtime Andover residents.

This caused a stir with past Committee member Tim McCarron and Service Club president Brad Heim, who came to the meeting to support naming the schools after longtime teacher and football coach (and current Committee member) Richard Collins, and former selectman Gerald Silverman.

"They are two lifelong educators and have made lifelong contributions," said McCarron. He doesn't plan to take sitting down the Committee's move to strike personal names. McCarron said he had two weeks. "I'll pack the halls if necessary," he said.

The committee is also closer to a determination on the West Middle and West Elementary schools.

Of West Elementary, Chairwoman Tina Girdwood

said, "I've heard nothing to support changing it. Let's do nothing (to it)."

Gerry Gustus intends to make a motion for West Middle to be renamed the Pynchard West Middle School. The School Committee submitted a short list to the *Townsmen* at the conclusion of the meeting. The list includes High Plain, Fishbrook, and Woodhill for elementary schools; and Shattuck, Veterans, Woodhill and Cross Street for middle-school names.

The committee also called for parent input at upcoming PTO/PAC meetings regarding budget cuts. "There will be huge losses if the override fails," said Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Bach said that the school system would lose 18 teachers, or need to initiate fees if the override fails.

"We are debating how best to punish our children," said Richard Collins.

The committee would like parents to join that debate. Upcoming PAC/PTO meetings are at Doherty, Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.; and West Elementary, Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Later meetings will be held at Sanborn and Bancroft on March 5 and 6 at 7 p.m.; and the Shawsheen and the High School on March 7 and 11, also at 7.

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Education

Merrimack mulls new dorm for residential students

By Rebecca Piro

ANDOVER RESIDENTS NEAR Merrimack College might find themselves greeting 210 new neighbors.

College officials will present their plans to construct a three-floor sophomore dormitory to Andover's Zoning Board of Appeals tonight, Thursday, at 7 in Memorial Hall Library.

Some of the college's campus is in North Andover, but the proposed site for the new dorm falls just over the Andover line, hence the need for approval by Andover's ZBA.

The new dorm is not a definite go at this time, says David Breen, Merrimack's vice president for administrative services.

"We haven't got to the point where we have a final cost (for design and construction)," says Breen. Residence halls are typically funded by tuition, room and board money, he adds.

The college has no plans to increase total student population, says Breen. The reason for building the dorm is to make room for commuters who wish to become resident students.

"More and more students are interested in a residential experience," says Breen.

The school currently has about 2,100 total students enrolled. About 1,400 of those students live on campus, and about 700 students commute. Breen expects about 210 of the commuting students to take up residence if the dorm is built, thereby shrinking the number of commuters and

increasing the number of on-campus students – but keeping the total population the same.

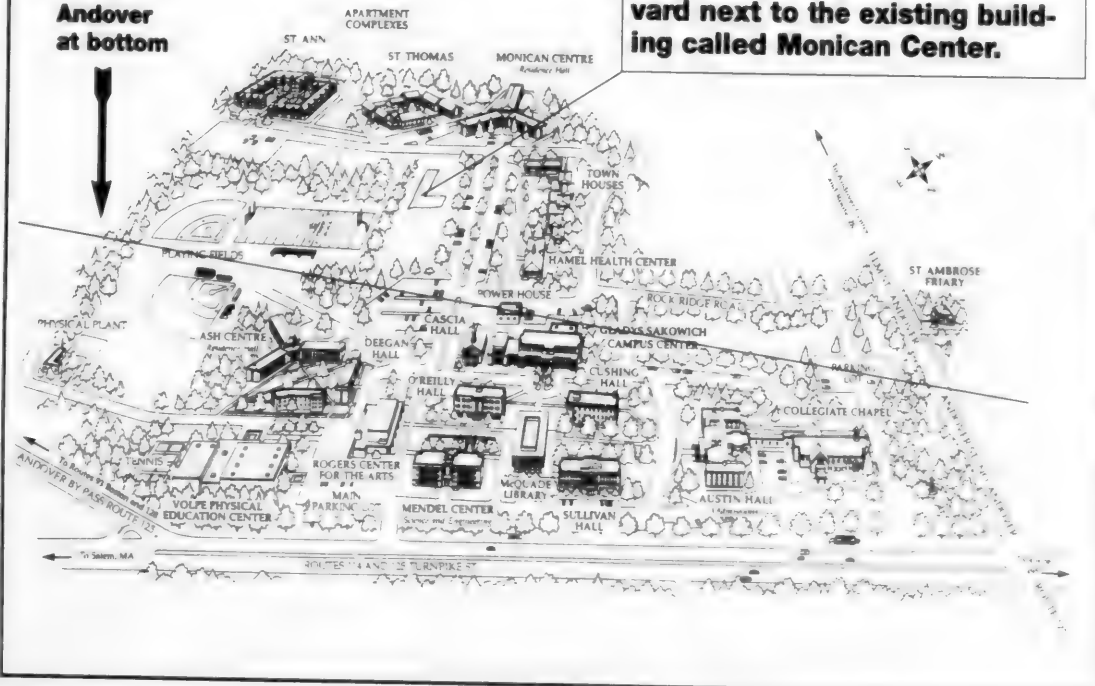
The proposed dorm is sited for land at the end of Monican Boulevard next to the existing building called Monican Center. Andover abutters who will be officially notified about the project include residents on Brookfield Road, Elm Street, Fox Hill Road, Lucerne Drive and Applecrest Road.

The new dorm, once filled with students, should not pose a significant noise increase on campus or in the neighborhood, according to a letter from the school to ZBA Chairman Dan Casper.

Traffic should decrease, because 210 fewer commuter students would be leaving and entering the campus on a daily basis, Breen says. But on-campus parking could be tighter, because the project may eliminate up to 59 parking spaces.

Merrimack College will ask the ZBA to grant it a variance for the maximum height

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Merrimack's proposed L-shaped dorm is sited for Andover land at the end of Monican Boulevard next to the existing building called Monican Center.

requirements. The proposed three-floor building exceeds the town's height restrictions for a residential building by about five feet. However, most of the campus buildings are that height, and the proposed building would only match that standard, Breen

says.

The ZBA's verdict will play an important role in the college's decision whether to pursue the project further, he adds.

The project's description is on file at the ZBA office.

PAC/PTO executive boards elected for new schools



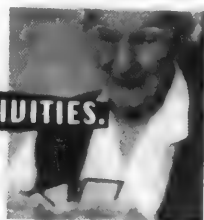
The new school Transition Team held public elections Jan. 23 for the new elementary and middle-school executive boards.

PAC board members, from left, are: Marie Potts, secretary; Susan Ziegenbein Flint, treasurer; Katie Tibbits, co-vice president; Sue Conway, co-vice president; Luci Prawdzik, co-president; Kristine Wise, co-president; and Norah McCarthy, principal. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to <lcprawdzik@mediaone.net>.



PTO board members are (top row): Susan Hunter, treasurer; Cindy Garcia, co-president; Martha Hyslip, co-president; and Brenda O'Brien, principal. Bottom row: Joni Lipka, secretary; Jane Bowman, co-vice president; and Wendy Bicknell, co-vice president. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to <rmsjm@mediaone.net>.

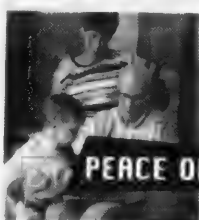
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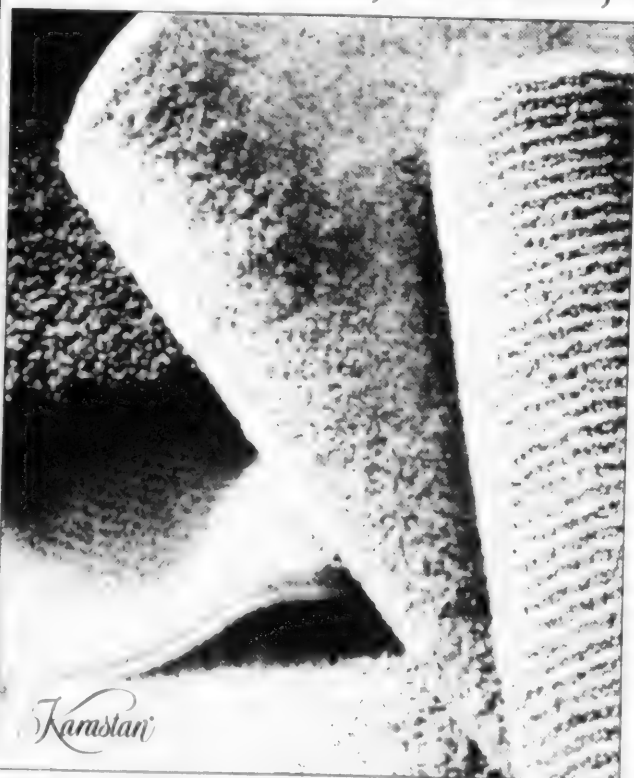
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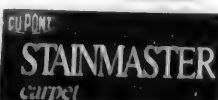
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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 11-15:

Elementary schools

Monday: Pizza pasta, hot dog on a roll, slice of pizza, fruit, vegetable and milk, sugar cookie.

Tuesday: Roast turkey dinner, rodeo burger, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with french fries, Chicken McSchool, pizza rings with dipping sauce, fruit, vegetable and milk, brownie.

Thursday: Baked meatloaf with mashed potato, french toast with sausage, slice of pizza, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub with fries, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Pizza pasta, baked chicken nuggets, meatball sub, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Tuesday: Baked ham with potato, stuffed crust pizza, steak and cheese sub, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos, baked chicken nuggets, rib-b-que dippers, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Thursday: Baked meatloaf with potato, stuffed crust pizza, 2 grilled cheese sandwiches with chips, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Friday: Chef's choice, baked chicken nuggets, 2 Egg McMuffins with cheese, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Barbecue chicken with potato, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, pizza pasta, stuffed crust pizza.

Wednesday: Two hot dogs with chips, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza.

Thursday: Baked ham with potato, American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza.

Friday: Chef's choice, macaroni with meatsauce, stuffed crust pizza.

New Healthy Choice menu

Salads: chef's, chicken, caesar, pasta with roll, fruit and milk.

1/2 sandwich and soup: on bulkie with potato salad, fruit, raisins, brownie and milk; imported ham, deli turkey, chicken salad, tuna salad, seafood salad.

Calzones with fries, fruit and milk, cold cut, chicken parm, ham and cheese, cheeseburger.

Pizza rings, fresh risen dough brushed with a garlic sauce, topped with whole mozzarella and topped with pepperoni, served with a cup of pizza sauce, fruit and milk.

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The Peace Corps has given Andover resident **Joshua Murphy** a two-year assignment in Mali, a former French West Africa colony.

Murphy has been in Mali since August preparing for his position. Training has included courses in French and Bamara (a local dialect) along with studies in the cultural and social aspects of Malian life.



Joshua P. Murphy

Water purification projects in addition to AIDS education will be included in Murphy's duties in a rural village north of the capital city of Bamako.

Murphy is a 2001 graduate of Tufts University, majoring in psychology with a community-health certificate, and a 1997 graduate of Andover High.

While at Tufts, Murphy was a member of the Tufts University Jazz Band and a member of the Tufts University Ultimate Team, which competed in the national championship tournament for the past two years.

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Kathryn Hume, a senior at Phillips Academy, is a winner of the 2001 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement.

Hume was recognized by the Siemens Foundation as one of the nation's best and brightest high school students for her outstanding work in advanced placement (AP) courses.

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Andover resident **Denise McQuaide** recently received the Francis Cabot Lowell Alumni Award for Health Professions. McQuaide, who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the UMass Lowell predecessor school, University of Lowell, in 1979 and 1982 respectively, was among 15 recipients recognized by the university for their achieved excellence.

McQuaide is senior vice president of operations for Genesis Health Ventures in Andover. She oversees the operations of more than 30 long-term care and assisted living facilities and 16 hospital-based sub-acute units.

As a member of the Massachusetts Hospital Association and the Massachusetts Extended Care Federation, McQuaide has made numerous presentations to colleagues in both associations on the topic of sub-acute care. She has also written for Faulkner and Gray's 1999 *Medicare Managed Care Source Book*, *Emergency*

Medicine, and *Healthcare Review*.

The Francis Cabot Lowell Award recognizes the accomplishments of UMass Lowell alumni.

Gregory Wilbur of Andover was among 250 throughout the Northeast who attended Explorations in Environmental Science held at Boston University on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Sponsored by the Boston University Learning Resource Network, the event introduced promising and enthusiastic secondary-school science students to some of the latest developments and issues in contemporary environmental science.

An interactive workshop gave them a hands-on glimpse into the world of environmental policy-making and negotiation. The simulated activity, called the Beaumont Incinerator Exercise, focused on the siting of a hazardous-waste treatment facility in a racially-mixed area and required students to assess the impact of the situation on the residents.

Students also listened to a presentation on the impact of human activities on various species of bats, and the conservation efforts that are necessary to protect bats throughout the world.

Geoffrey Gresh of Lowell and formerly of Andover, a senior double major in history and French at Lafayette in Easton, Pa., is researching British foreign policy in the Ottoman Empire during the 1870s. He is undertaking the year-long study in pursuit of departmental honors in history.

"This is an area of the world that many people do not know about, and it is important that we learn more about it," says Gresh, citing the tragedy of Sept. 11 as one reason for study.

To study this subject, Gresh is using numerous bound volumes from the British Foreign Office on their affairs with Turkey during this period.

His interest in the Ottoman Empire evolved while he was studying abroad.

"The Ottoman Empire represents a part of the world that has interested me for awhile," says Gresh. "While abroad in Paris during my junior year in the fall of 2000, I took a course at the Sorbonne about the emergence of the Arabic world. The course was amazing and it triggered my interest in the area. I feel that it is a part of the world that offers so much undiscovered history and culture. My topic is so intriguing and fascinating."

Gresh is a residence adviser and is a member of the French and German Clubs. After the Sept. 11 tragedy, Gresh headed the Commemorative Quilt project for peace and unity.

He is a founding member of Lafayette's Forensics Society, of which he was a member in his freshman and sophomore years.

Robin W. Karfunkel of Andover, was one of 25 incoming first-year Bates College students to participate in "Into the Streets," a two-day pre-orientation volunteer program that included landscaping, gardening and trail maintenance at various locations in the city of Lewiston, Maine.

Karfunkel, the daughter of Perry and Lois Karfunkel, 23 Orchard Crossing, is a 2001 graduate of Andover High School.

The following area residents enrolled at Northeastern University were named to dean's list for summer quarter of 2001: **Elizabeth A. Anderson**, 3 Rasmussen

Circle; **Sara A. Callanen**, 159 Woburn Street; **Suzanne L. Clarke**, 5 Carriage Hill Road; **Julie A. Flynn**, 17 Enmore St.; **Sarah A. Hodges**, 9 Nicoll Drive; **Brian R. LaCroix**, 74 Princeton Ave.; and **Pinank P. Modi**, 2 Odyssey Way.

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Jacob Simon Berman, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Berman of Andover, is a peer academic advisor in the 2001-02 Meiklejohn program at Brown University. The Meiklejohn program, serves to aid first-year students in their academic planning. Meiklejohn Advisors are chosen from a pool of applicants based on their knowledge of the Brown curriculum and their ability to relate to beginning students. They are then paired with an academic adviser who works in conjunction with them to help incoming students.

Berman is a first-semester senior at Brown, concentrating in history.

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their intellectual development.

Through Tufts' program, teachers from every state in the nation, and many countries around the world, have received letters of recognition for their unusual contribution from Tufts University.

Among those recognized for excellence this year are:

Ron Francis, physics and AP physics teacher, Andover High;**Josephine Goldin**, English teacher, Andover High;**Meredith Price**, English teacher, Phillips Academy;**John Strudwick**, economics teacher, Phillips Academy; and**George Sullivan**, AP US history teacher, Andover High.

The following Andover residents were among the approximately 2,800 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., for the 2001-02 academic year.

Jessica Blinn, 90 Haverhill St., is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in arts and sciences.**Matthew Cohen**, 17 Olde Berry Road, is enrolled in SU's College of Visual and Performing Arts majoring in film.**Anna Floreen**, 12 Smithshire Estates, is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in psychology.**Lauren Kapelson**, 70 Lovejoy Road, is enrolled in SU's School of Education majoring in inclusive elementary and special education.**Christine Smaglia**, 34 Birch Road, is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in arts and sciences.

Syracuse's new students are studying from among the more than 200 majors offered at the institution.

Timothy Sheehy, 11 Lincoln Circle, a junior majoring in finance at Syracuse University's School of Management, spent the fall 2001 semester studying in London, England, through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

The London program, established in 1970, enrolls more than 600 students each academic year. Students may study fine arts, international business, drama and public communications, or take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts. Students also may complete internships with British firms and agencies and conduct research and studies at historic sites throughout England.

Christina N. Birrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Birrell of Belle Isle Way, has been chosen a president's fellow for the 2001-02 academic year at Trinity Col-

lege in Hartford, Conn.

Currently majoring in public policy, she will represent that department and meet regularly with other fellows, as well as the college president, to discuss issues of importance to the Trinity community.

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Andover resident **Alease Bruce**, a professor of Health and Clinical Sciences at UMass Lowell, was a presenter at the 15th annual meeting of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society in Maui in June.

Bruce's presentation was the poster, "A Case Brings an Unexpected Discovery to the Laboratory."

Lindsey R. Hellmann, a junior at Connecticut College in New London, Conn. studied abroad in South Africa for the fall 2001 semester.

Hellmann, a 1999 graduate of Phillips Academy Andover, is the daughter of Brenda and Joel Hellmann of Stafford Lane.

The study away program at Connecticut College encourages students to open their minds to political, social, and economic systems within traditions that may differ greatly from the United States and helps prepare students to effectively address the challenges of and international system. To study away, a student at the college must submit an application to a committee and be approved. There are many countries and programs a student can choose from for study abroad, and the college believes that the study abroad experience is valuable to students both academically and socially.

Lauren Sullo, daughter of Ann and Charles Sullo of Princeton Avenue, has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society formed to recognize and encourage outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who are in the top 15 percent of their class.

Sullo is a member of the class of 2003 majoring in communication disorders at the university, where she is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She graduated from Andover High

School in 1999.

Albert O. Kwon, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sang Kwon of Andover, took part in the Brown Medical School Ceremony of Commitment to Medicine. The ceremony, also known as the White Coat Ceremony, is the symbolic entrance of Brown's first-year medical students into the medical profession.

The ceremony was held Saturday, Oct. 27.

Suzanne Polizzi, daughter of Patricia and John Polizzi of Theodore Avenue, has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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She graduated from Andover High School in 1999.

Michele Piazza, daughter of Lou and Debbie Piazza of Andover, has been named to the commended list at Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J. She achieved this honor by maintaining a minimum 4.5 average on a 6.0 scale in her courses for the fall term.

Two Andover students were recently honored for their outstanding academic achievements with election into the Governor Dummer Academy chapter of the national Cum Laude Society. These students earned a minimum of a 3.3 weighted grade-point average at the end of their junior year, and are found within the top percent of their class.

Seniors **Michael Askenase** and **Rachelle Dennis** were selected for this honor.**Zachary E. Goldman** of Andover was offered admission to Colby College in Maine under Colby's early decision program. Goldman is scheduled to enroll in the fall, following his graduation from Andover High School.

Goldman is the son of Bruce J. Goldman and Margo P. Goldman of Andover.

At Andover High, he has been a member of the National Honor Society and a violinist in the PA chamber orchestra and the PA symphony orchestra.

With his acceptance, Goldman is one of 143 students admitted early-decision to Colby.

Townspeople

Miner's early Outward Bound days remembered

By Judy Wakefield

AS ANDOVER REMEMBERS Joshua L. Miner III, heavy hearts can remember fondly that his successful Outward Bound program got its start at Phillips Academy.

Miner, 81, died of cancer on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at his School Street home in Andover. He spent more than 30 years at Phillips, retiring in 1985. His early years there were marked with his commitment to getting a successful European school program off the ground that mixed physical challenges with academics. The programs were called "short-term schools" in Europe and studies showed that students who attended these schools were better prepared for real-life experiences. Miner, who spent a year teaching in Scotland before arriving at Phillips, believed strongly that physical challenges should be a key part of a young man's development. He eventually was successful and launched the Outward Bound program at Phillips.

Reagh (pronounced Ray) Wetmore of Andover, now 78, was alongside Miner in those early days at Phillips. Like Miner, who was a science teacher at Phillips, Wetmore was also a young faculty member back in the early 1960s.

"I was there when Josh came to Andover. I was a swimming coach and hired to start a physical education program. Josh wanted to copy Kurt Hahn's (a German educator who founded Outward Bound) philosophy.

"It was unusual at the time. Josh would have the boy compete against himself using the track as the basis," Wetmore said.

He went on to explain that Miner set up six track events – jumping, running, and throwing – and have the boys compete for medals for excellence in these events. Miner would set standards according to the boy's athletic ability.

But, selling the program to the headmaster and the faculty at the time

was not easy, according to Wetmore.

"Josh wanted to do the program in the morning and the faculty didn't like that because it took away from study time. But, he followed the boys' results and showed that the track classes did no harm to their academic records. It actually seemed to help.

"What happened was there was dead silence at the end of his presentation on those results. Finally, one hand went up. It was a housemaster who said, 'I want my boys in that program,'" said Wetmore, currently the men's and women's swim coach at Boston University.

Outward Bound was launched and it would blossom for decades to come. Cargo nets, rope courses, drown-proofing, rock-climbing and many other challenging programs were added over the years. And, educators from around the world called Miner frequently as they set up similar programs at their schools.

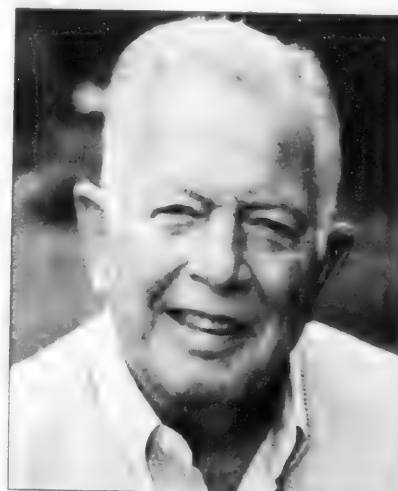
Wetmore said the Phillips program was featured in a *New York Times* magazine article, and Sargent Shriver, who founded the Peace Corps, even copied the program for new recruits.

"It was about taking an adolescent boy who was at an awkward age and providing projects and adventuresome activities dealing with nature to get him to try to overcome weakness. And, it worked," Wetmore said.

Miner will always be remembered as founder of Outward Bound USA which now has more than 30,000 students in several schools around the country. He was given a lifetime honorary membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club for his work.

Locally, Miner was a valuable volunteer. In fact, Lawrence General Hospital named Miner "a trustee for life" because he was a tireless volunteer there. He also served as a director of the Andover Youth Center.

Miner was also a consultant on Urban Affairs to the Peace Corps and the Ford Foundation. His committee



Joshua L. Miner III

memberships were numerous and included the Advisory Board of Reading is Fundamental and the State Advisory Committee for the US Commission on Civil Rights. He also served on the 1970 White House Conference on Youth.

Family members said he enjoyed fly-fishing and gardening. Big pumpkins were his passion. He also enjoyed woodworking.

He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. and graduated from Princeton University in 1943. He served in World War II as a battery commander in Gen. George Patton's Third Artillery Battalion. He earned a Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, five combat stars and the Croix de Guerre for his bravery.

After the war, he began his teaching career at the Hun School in New Jersey before heading to Scotland's Gordonstoun School for what turned out to be a career-defining assignment. Then, he arrived at Phillips.

Members of his family include his wife of 54 years, Phebe TenBroeck Stevens; sons, Joshua L. Miner IV of Boxford, John S. Miner of Seattle, Wash., and Daniel G. Miner of Durham, N.H.; daughters, Phebe Miner Richards of Costa Rica and Louise M. Miner of Minneapolis, Minn.; nine grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

The memorial service for Joshua Miner will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus. A reception will follow.

Mark E. Vogler contributed to this story.

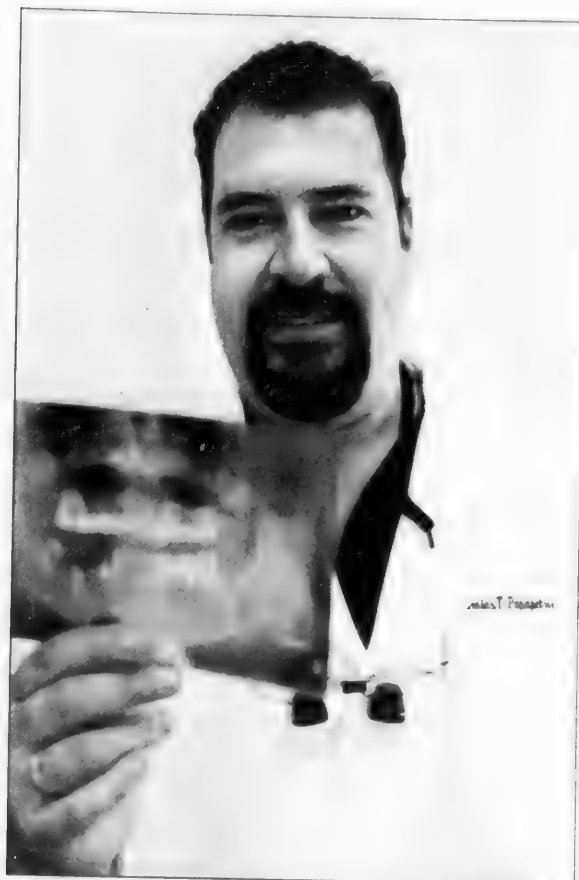


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

X-ray vision – Andover dentist Nicholas Papapetros screens children in Lawrence who don't have access to dental care in the Caring for Children Dental Van.

New dentist is a 'volunteer hero'

WITH THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT CALL for volunteerism, Andover already boasts a resident the Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society calls "a volunteer hero." Dr. Nicholas Papapetros's practice is located in Andover and he regularly volunteers his time on a local, state and national level. At the Caring for Children Dental Van in Lawrence, he has screened children who don't have access to dental care.

"It's a motor home and we drive right up to the schools," said Papapetros. He said that he's seen kids from many different backgrounds. "Sometimes there was a language problem," said Papapetros of even getting the kids to open their mouths. "Some of them might have had a bad experience (with dentists.)" The volunteers involved would have toothbrushes to give to the kids, said Papapetros. "Unfortunately, for some kids it was their first experience with a dentist." But overall he was happy with what he saw, "I was pleasantly surprised that (the kids') dental care was as good as it was."

Papapetros represents New England nationally for the Committee on the New Dentist, an organization of dentists who have been practicing for less than 10 years. Flouridation, or adding fluoride to the water supply, is a big issue for him. "You get west of Worcester and a lot of the towns don't have it," said Papapetros. "To me, that's a crime."

He speaks regularly to aspiring dentists in local colleges and contributed to the handbook, *Road Map to Success for New Dentists*.

"It's nice giving back," Papapetros recently told the *Townsmen*. "I've been pretty fortunate." He says the service work he has done has put him in contact with members of the dental community, "I've met a lot of nice dentists, a lot of people I wouldn't have met."

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

AARP: The Andover/No. Andover chapter of AARP will meet at the center on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome to attend. A physician will be speaking about good heart health.

Valentine Concert: The Andover Chamber Music Series will present a Valentine concert, "Truly Madly Deeply," featuring the music

of Brahms, on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase through the senior center. Call Pat for information.

Valentine Brunch: Tickets are now available for our Valentine brunch, which will

be held on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll enjoy a great selection of both hot and cold breakfast and lunch items along with a dessert station. Tickets are just \$4, and seating is limited. Call a friend and plan to join us.

Putting it into perspective

"I stink!" he muttered angrily as he crashed through the back door and slammed his dusty gym bag down on the mud room floor.

"Not the best of games today, huh?" his mother asked.



Lorraine Lordi

"The worst," he said. "I stunk. In fact, I blew the whole game." He kicked off his battered basketball shoes with such force that they went flying across the room and banged against the wall.

"It can't be that bad," his mom said.

"Oh, yeah it is," her 15-year old son admitted. "With one second left, I was on the free throw line with two shots to make. I missed

them both. We lost."

His mother considered pulling out one of those tried and true phrases that parents depend on like Band-aids in order to make things better. Phrases like, "Tomorrow's another day." Or "The next time, you'll do better." Or "Who cares? It's only a game."

But she had never seen her son this upset - not over a basketball game. Such platitudes probably wouldn't do much good right now, she figured. So she said, "Well, pick up your things and then get started on your homework. Do you have much to do?"

"A little English," he mumbled. Then he picked up his shoes, hung up his duffle bag, grabbed his back pack, and lumbered up the stairs. His mom thought about going up to talk with him about some things she had learned in

her life. But she didn't. Because sometimes a person has to figure it out for himself. Even at 15. Especially at 15.

Dribble, dribble, shoot, miss. Rebound, dribble twice, fall back, put it up again, miss again. After he had finished his homework, he had gone outside to practice. The night was cold; the air was as sharp as dry ice. His breath puffed out like wispy summer clouds as he ran around the tarred court in his backyard, thinking out loud to himself.

But he wasn't thinking about the cold. He was thinking about something else. Dribble, dribble, shoot - swish! He grabbed the ball with his frozen fingers and put it up again. It nicked the back rim and slipped through the net. Another basket.

He dribbled back, 20 feet from the hoop where the spotlight from the house couldn't reach him. He stared at the red rim that was illuminated in the darkness. And then he put the ball up for one last shot. It followed the arch of an invisible rainbow, and then - swish again. He picked up his ball and came back into the house.

"About time to turn out your light, don't you think?" his mother asked.

"Yeah," he said. "In a minute. I'm just looking at Joe's yearbook."

His mother sat down on the bed next to her son and looked with him at all the hopeful faces of her older son's senior class taken three years ago. The graduating class of 1999. It seemed like only yesterday, and yet now, Joe was already a second semester junior in college.

"Did Joe know him?" her younger son asked, pointing to the picture of a young man

named Michael. In his senior photograph, he was wearing a light blue shirt, a brown tie, and an easy smile. His gaze seemed wise and wistful. No extracurricular activities were listed below his name. Only his hometown: Tyngsboro, Mass.

"I'm sure he did," his mom said. "It wasn't a very big class. Why?"

"In the morning announcements today, they asked us to pray for Mike's family. Because he died last night. From cancer."

"I remember Mike now," his mother said. "He was diagnosed with a brain tumor his

freshman year. Joe said Mike hardly ever talked about that, though. That he just wanted to fit in and finish school. You know, like everybody else."

They were quiet for a minute. Then her son said, "I bet if Mike could have just played in one game, even if he lost, that would have been good enough for him."

"Yes," his mother said as she ruffled her son's hair, "I think you're right about that."

► Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.

Welding together the evidence

Old Sturbridge Village research historian and Andover Historical Society scholar-in-residence Tom Kelleher will talk about "Welding Together the Evidence: The Gray Blacksmith Shop," Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., in the meeting room of the Amos Blanchard House and Museum, 97 Main St. This program is presented to the public free of charge.

From June to December 2001, Kelleher worked with the Historical Society researching the life and work of Henry Jenkins Gray, an enterprising, multi-talented Yankee farmer and tradesman of the 1830s. Searching through Gray's own account books, US Census

records, tax records, published town directories and other original 19th century sources, Kelleher was able to piece together the life of this typical farmer-tradesman. Kelleher's presentation is an illuminating look into everyday early 19th-century New England life, and examines "what we know and how we know it" about America's past.

Organizers said Kelleher was uniquely qualified for the scholar-in-residence position, which was funded through a grant. Kelleher brought to the project his background in the history and practice of blacksmithing, and 18 years of working at Old Sturbridge Village in research, education, and public programs.

Kelleher also owns his own blacksmith shop and regularly demonstrates the craft throughout the Northeast.

Kelleher's research and the Feb. 12 presentation support the Historical Society's planning for the bequest by Andover resident Emily Taft to the Historical Society of the David Gray Blacksmith Shop and the Frederick P. Taft Tool Collection. In 2000, the blacksmith shop was dismantled and moved from Salem Street to the Historical Society. The information Kelleher uncovered about the building and its owner supports planning efforts for the reassembly of the building currently underway by the Historical Society.



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His service to our patients and to his community was so outstanding that our Board voted Josh a Trustee for Life.

We will miss you, Josh.

ON THE SCENE

A really Super Patriots Day

EVERYONE KNOWS OUR CONGRESSMAN, Marty Meehan, is a rabid Patriots fan and, yes, of course, he was in New Orleans for THE GAME. "I had tears

in my eyes after that penalty on Willie McGinest," Meehan said from his home in Lowell on Tuesday. "It got a little tense when they were setting up the field goal. I was remembering Bill Buckner and those legs and that whole experience," he said. Well, his 22 years of season tickets finally paid off. Those Buckner memories quickly faded while his congressional clout heated up. Meehan and his wife, Ellen Murphy, an Andover native, attended the



ON THE SCENE

**Judy
Wakefield**

team celebration party at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans with Patriots owner Bob Kraft. As for additional Andover sightings in the bayou, Meehan said he saw well-known Andover businessman Charles Daher and CMGI president David Wetherell in New Orleans. Both men were with their sons.

Closer to home, neighborhood Super Bowl parties and get-togethers with friends were in full swing around town. Margaret Musso and her family teamed up with Tom and Patty Mullen of Lovejoy Road and, the house was rocking when that field goal signal went up. "You could have heard us at Sanborn School," laughed Musso. There, seven kids joined in the party where jambalaya and chili were served up. Marni Correra of Fairfax Drive attended



From left, Kurt and Ilene Hespeler and Holly and Ted Jenkins, all of Andover, do their best football dance to celebrate the Patriots' big win in Super Bowl XXXVI at Jane and Jim Kerrigan's party on Powers Road. After traveling to Pittsburgh last week with five other Andover men to watch the AFC Championship game, Ted Jenkins, a native Pittsburgh Steelers fan, switched hats this week and rooted for the Patriots. At right, Sarah Buck, of Dorset Circle, celebrates the big win at the Kerrigans' party.

the annual Super Bowl party at the home of Jane and Jim Kerrigan of Powers Road. She said also in attendance was Ted Jenkins of Andover, a Pittsburgh native who traveled to that city two weeks ago with for the AFC championship. He made that trip with five other Andoverites. Other attendees included Kurt and Ilene Hespeler, Holly Jenkins, and Guy and Lisa Hubschman. And, lots of kids were there, too.

Now & Then - "Congratulations to Coach Bill Belichick, Phillips Academy Class of '71, and the New England Patriots, 2002 NFL Super Bowl Champs." - PA's tribute to the Patriots coach (and how he looked back then), from the Phillips Academy home page, <www.andover.edu>.



Like everyone around town, Phillips Academy students were cheering wildly as the Super Bowl game wound down. At Phillips, the dorm parties raged, especially in Rockwell Hall where 40 freshmen boys feasted on pizza and buffalo wings. And, another 150 kids packed the Ryley Student Center for a party.



Kevin Driscoll, director of PA's student activities office, said the kids were going crazy when Adam Vinatieri kicked that fabulous field goal and went even crazier when it was announced "Mrs. Chase proclaims Head of School Day on Monday" a few moments later. That meant no school on the post-Super Bowl Monday and led one freshman to say, "There is a God," according to Driscoll.

PA Head Barbara Chase gives students a surprise day off once a year in the winter term. And, with Patriots head coach Bill Belichick being a PA parent and alum (he was a post-graduate student and attended for a year with the class of '71, photo at left), it just seemed fitting to give the kids Monday off.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers also

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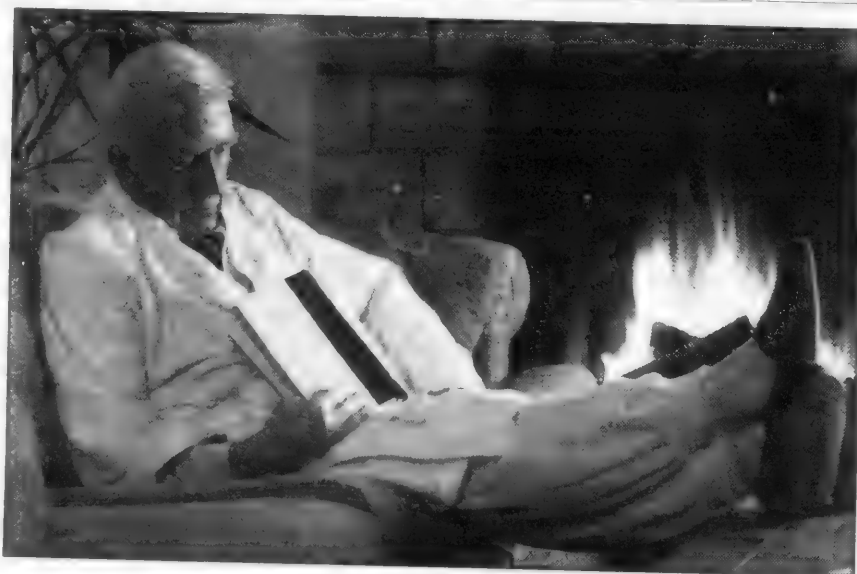
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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Porcelain program set at the library

This Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2:30 p.m., Debby DuBay of Limoges Antiques will be at Memorial Hall Library to discuss her latest book, *Living With Limoges*.

This program is free.

DuBay has a degree in psychology and a master's in business administration.



Debby
DuBay

Fascinated by French history and art, DuBay started collecting Limoges porcelain while traveling in Europe in the mid-1970s. Twenty-plus years later, her purchases formed a collection so vast that on her retirement, she used her private collection to open Limoges Antiques – a porcelain lover's paradise located in Andover.

Living With Limoges is reportedly the first collectors' book with sections on tea accoutrements, white and gold wedding band porcelain, and a collection of porcelain jewelry with hand-painted Limoges art.

Attendees who wish may bring in a piece of porcelain for DuBay

to appraise, organizers said.

Live Chinese cooking demonstration

Preparing Chinese appetizers will be the program offered free at Memorial Hall Library next Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m.

The demonstration will be presented by Merrimack Valley culinary artist and teacher Rosana Chan. Samples of foods prepared and recipes will be offered to all that attend. Ring in the Chinese New Year by learning the latest techniques in Chinese cuisine.



Rosana
Chan

'Hope for the Long Haul' is annual pulpit exchange sermon

The annual "Temple/Church Pulpit Exchange" will take place tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel of Andover.

The Rev. Cal Mutti, pastor of South Church, will be the guest preacher. The service is open to all.

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BIRTHS

BURLEY – A daughter, Amelia Noel Burley, to Amy (Swain) and Robert Charles Burley of York, Maine on Jan. 22. Grandparents are Marvin and Debbie Swain of York, Maine and Justin and Beatrice Burley of Andover. Great-grandparents are Trafton and Anne Swain of York, Maine and Richard and Winifred Hanson of Saco, Maine and Port Orange, Fla. Amelia joins Justin Trafton, 5.

DAVIS – A daughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth Davis, to Amy (Laplane) and Brett C. Davis of 7 Devon Court, North Andover, on Jan. 28. Grandparents are David and Sharon LaPlante of Andover, Elaine O'Neil of Haverhill and Bonnie Davis of Mesa, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Robert and Jesse Dunn of Andover and Anne Dawson of Lawrence.

GINSBERG – A daughter, Chloe Gardner Ginsberg, born to Stephanie (Gardner) and Scott Ginsberg of 35 Stirling St., on Jan. 4. Grandparents are Dr. Howard and Naomi Gardner of Andover, and Lawrence and Shirley Ginsberg of Hampton Falls, N.H.

DURLING – A son, Tyler Richard Durling, born to Judy (Seville) and Ray Durling of 17 Barrington Drive, on Sept. 23. Grandparents are Richard and Ruby Seville of Wilmington, and Arthur and Sandra Durling of Andover. Great-grandmothers are Kathryn Seville of Rosedale, Ind., Marjorie Durling of Arlington, and Muriel Powell of Andover. Tyler joins Brad, 5, and Michelle, 3.

HARVEY – A son, Kyle William Harvey, to Kerry (Zembko) and Chris Harvey of Methuen, on Aug. 28. Grandparents are Suzanne and Michael Zembko, and Sue and John Harvey, all of Andover.

KREKORIAN – A daughter, Shea Ann was born to Steve and Joyce (Girasella) Krekorian of Andover on Dec. 28 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are John and Mary Girasella, and Kay and Dorothy Krekorian, all of Reading. Shea joins Elise, 7, Kara, 3, and Brett, 5.

TAYLOR – Cole Marrett Taylor, was born Jan. 12, in Rockville, Md., to Douglas and Elisabeth Taylor of Germantown, Md. Cole joins Allison, Graham and Bryce. Grandparents are Bruce and Charlotte Taylor of Andover, and Herbert Hildebrand of Fullerton, Calif.

YONCHAK – A daughter, Ashley Rosemary Yonchak, born to Kathleen (Radulski) and James Peter Yonchak of 136 Rocky Brook Road, North Andover on Jan. 17. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Radulski of North Andover and formerly of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yonchak of Nashua, N.H.

Arts & Entertainment

Students embark on *Phan-tastic* adventure

Doherty Middle School presents an adaptation of Norton Jester's *The Phantom Tollbooth* this weekend

By Ben Hellman

"We've got to get through act two today," says director and integrated arts teacher Peg Orlando to a body of students.

The scene is one of the final days before showtime. They're preparing for this weekend, when the curtain will go up and actors and actresses will go on for Doherty Middle School's production of *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

Students are scurrying back and forth across the school's auditorium. Some paint 12-foot flats bright magenta and green in the hallways, while others wield electric screwdrivers, recycling last year's set. Social studies teacher Ken Matteucci

supervises two students as they hang a lighting instrument from the balcony lighting bar and latch the safety ties. Sixth- and seventh-graders Andrew Moura and Maddy Sunberg hang lights.

"We're the lighting crew," they chime in when asked. When they're

finished, three lights and two spotlights will hang from the balcony.

"We shine the spotlights on them," Moura says of the actors up front.

It's backstage for Matteucci

though, where he sets students Andrew Lundgren and Mark Irvine to work on — of course — the sets.

"We might go on with wet paint," jokes Matteucci when asked how the back-stage element is sizing up. Lundgren and Irvine show part of a flat they are work-

plays Dr. Discord. "I think the play should be a big hit. It's sci-fi/fantasy with a lot of humor."

Seventh-grader Patrick Keohane plays Milo and describes Milo's metamorphosis.

"He's a boring kid, but he really changes. He becomes much more adventurous."

Co-star and eighth-grader Marie Huntley plays Tock, the watchdog, and was friends with Keohane before they got to work together on stage. "(In the play) I'm really obsessed with time. Milo is my worst nightmare."

Eighth-grader Noelle Petrillo rounds off the trio of stage friends playing the loud, flamboyant Humbug. "It's a strange range of characters (and) it's interesting to see how they interact," she says.

The unlikely pair of characters on stage, Dodecahedron and the Mathemagician, played by Corey Desjardins and Justin Colombo,

sing the praise of numbers and how people use them to describe the

world.

"Here in Digitopolis things are very precise," says the Dodecahedron.

"It's a lot of fun because you get to be with your friends," says

of Milo, a dull, lazy boy transformed by his travels in strange lands that the Doherty students will bring to life this weekend.

"I'm a big fan of the book," said sixth-grader Nick Platt, who

Seventh-grader Patrick Keohane will perform the adventures of the story's main character, Milo. He describes Milo, as "a boring kid." But there's hope. "He really changes. He becomes much more adventurous."

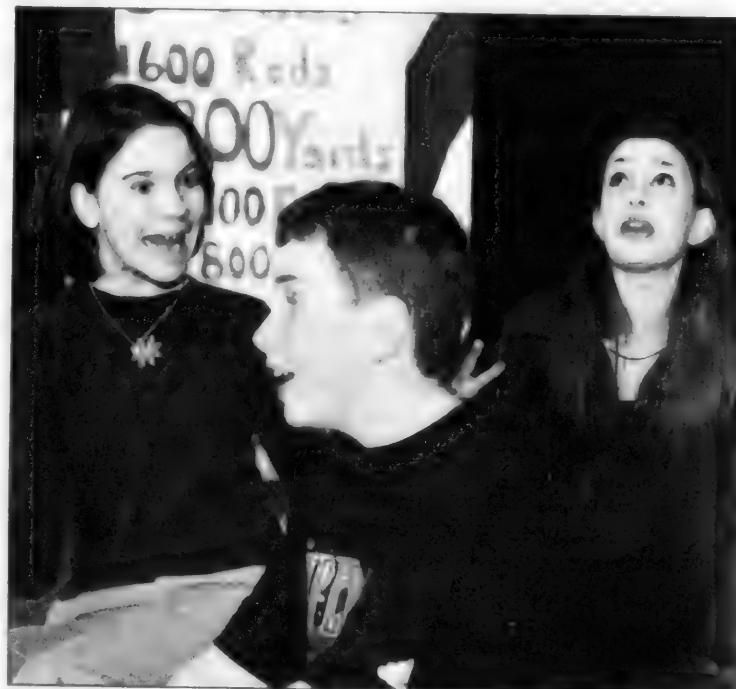


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The *Phantom Tollbooth* players, (from left) Marie Huntley, Patrick Keohane and Noelle Petrillo, argue about driving directions in Digitopolis.

When: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Doherty Middle School Auditorium

How much: adults \$6, students & seniors \$4

Memorial Hall Library welcomes SiteLines artist

Nationally known photographer Abe Morell — one of nine artists featured in the Addison Gallery's art project SiteLines — will discuss his photographs at Memorial Hall Library on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Morell will describe the camera obscura he will build at the library that will allow visitors to see what it is like to be inside a giant camera.

Each artist of the nine artists is working with students in Andover and Lawrence to create artworks that will be displayed along Main Street in Andover from May 4 to Sept. 27.

The Addison Gallery's invitation to participate in SiteLines has propelled Abe Morell to manipulate, for the first time, the exterior space as well as the interior space of his camera obscuras. At Memorial

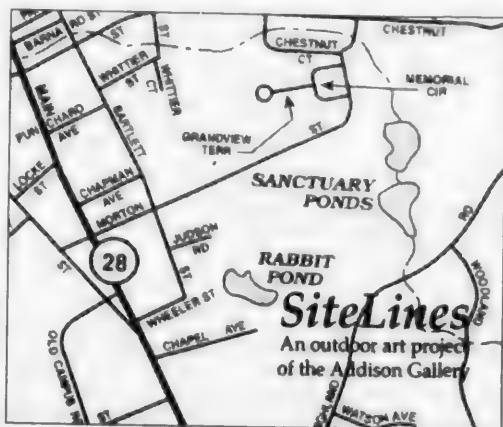
Hall Library, Morell will create a camera obscura that will reflect the busy activity of historic Elm Square into a reading room just inside the

ongoing pedestrian and automobile traffic, all being projected into the intimate space of the library's small reading room.

Morell will use the help of science students to determine the most effective pinhole diameter for the camera obscura.

Over the next year, Morell will also create his characteristic camera obscura photographs in Lawrence. Morell will work with students from Lawrence High School and Essex Art Center to create room-size cameras in several of the city's historic mill buildings. Together they will make photographs of the views from the mills that will then be exhibited in the SiteLines indoor exhibition.

For more information, call Norma Gammon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49



The Lowell Memorial Auditorium presents Tony Bennett in concert Wednesday, Feb. 13. See calendar, page 30, for times and ticket prices.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 7

Discussion on Worry in Children, with Edward "Ned" Hallowell, M.D., sponsored by Parent to Parent, 7:30 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium; Barbara Jezak 978-474-0387. ▶

Discussion on college choices, for high school juniors and parents, sponsored by the Andover High School Counseling Department, 7-9 p.m., Collins Center; Allison Brown Collins 978-



Edward (Ned) Hallowell, MD

Bruce Harris will tell the story of

623-8602. (snow date is Feb. 11.)

Poetry reading, by contributors to the on-line magazine, *The Bridge Review*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Orientation for potential tutors, sponsored by the Greater Haverhill Adult Learning Program, 6:30 p.m., Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main St., Haverhill; 978-373-1586.

Lecture, Park Ranger

Peter Salem, an African American who fought at the Battle of Lexington and Concord, 7-9 p.m., Bethel AME Church, 75 Grant St., Lowell.

Exhibit opening, Sabbathical Exhibition: In the InBetween, by professor Barbara Burgess Maier, free, 4:30-6 p.m., J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly; 978-927-0585.

Friday, Feb. 8

It's All in the Feet, Andover High Dance Club, \$3, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center; Kim Bergey 978-623-8655 (snow date is Feb. 9).

Pulpit exchange program, featuring

the Rev. Cal Mutti, pastor of South Church, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1563.

Opening reception, for Andover photographer Cindy Efinger's exhibit, *Wistful Souls*, on display at Starbucks through Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m., Starbucks, Main Street; 978-623-7070. ▶

Tot Shabbat, 6:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1563.

Breakfast for human resources pro-



Cindy Efinger

professionals, hosted by Northeast Human Resources Association, \$55 non-members, 7:30 a.m., Wyndham Hotel; 781-235-2900, <info@nehra.com>.

Valentine dance, for ages 10-14, \$6, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Greater Lowell YMCA, 35 YMCA Drive, Lowell; 978-454-7825.

Love Letters, featuring Northern Essex Community College

theatre faculty members Jim Murphy and Susan Sanders, \$10, 8 p.m., Top Notch Theatre, NECCO, Haverhill; 978-556-3862.

Live comedy, Bob Gautreau, Mark Riley, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Paul Nardizzi, Katie Grady, Jay Savage, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Live Celtic music, featuring Pendragon (photo, page 45), \$12, 8 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover; <www.riverfolk.org>.

Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity orientation, 9-10:30 a.m., 6-8 Melrose Court, Lawrence; Margot Bixby 978-475-5094.

Free screening, for heart disease, prostate cancer for men, 10 a.m.-noon, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, 700 Essex St., Lawrence; 978-689-2400.

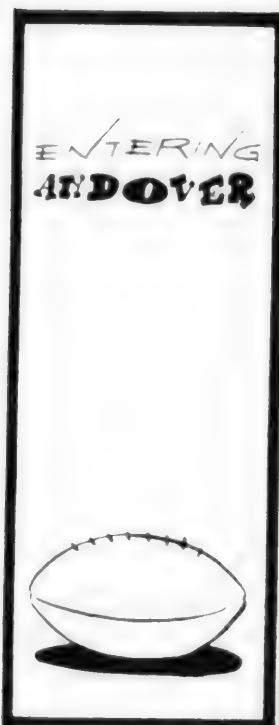
Annual Quota of Andover dinner dance, silent auction, Holiday Inn, Tewksbury; Marcia Golden 978-688-2880.

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music, dinner, \$50 per person, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Lowell Elks, Old Ferry Road, Lowell; <suithk@aol.com>.

New Wave Vaudeville show, \$22, \$18 seniors, \$10 under 12, 8 p.m., Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 136 High St., Ipswich; 978-356-2121.

Winter festival, downtown Salem (Mass.) and waterfront district, choco-

late-ice sculptures, trolley rides, Salem Main Streets Initiative, 6 Central St., Salem; 978-741-8100.

Live comedy, Bob Gautreau, Mark Riley, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TOLAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Paul Nardizzi, Katie Grady, Jay Savage, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Love Letters, see Feb. 8 entry.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Summer camp fair, featuring information on many summer experiences for children ages 12 to college, more than 60 vendors will attend, noon-3 p.m., Dining Hall, Phillips Academy; Barbara Hartrich 978-352-9804.

Live chamber music, featuring Phillips Academy graduates, free, 3

p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Live chamber music, annual Andover Chamber Music Series Valentine's concert, \$16-\$22, 4 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-474-6222, <www.andoverchambermusic.org>.

Gallery talk, on current *Maurice Prendergast: Learning to Look* exhibit, with Nancy Mowl Mathews of Williams College Museum of Art and

Susan Faxon, Addison Gallery curator, 2 p.m., Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4027.

Lecture, on the Quock Walker Case, a court case that helped bring about an end to slavery, with park ranger Maria Papesch, 12:30 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 978-970-5000.

Discussion on slavery and abolition

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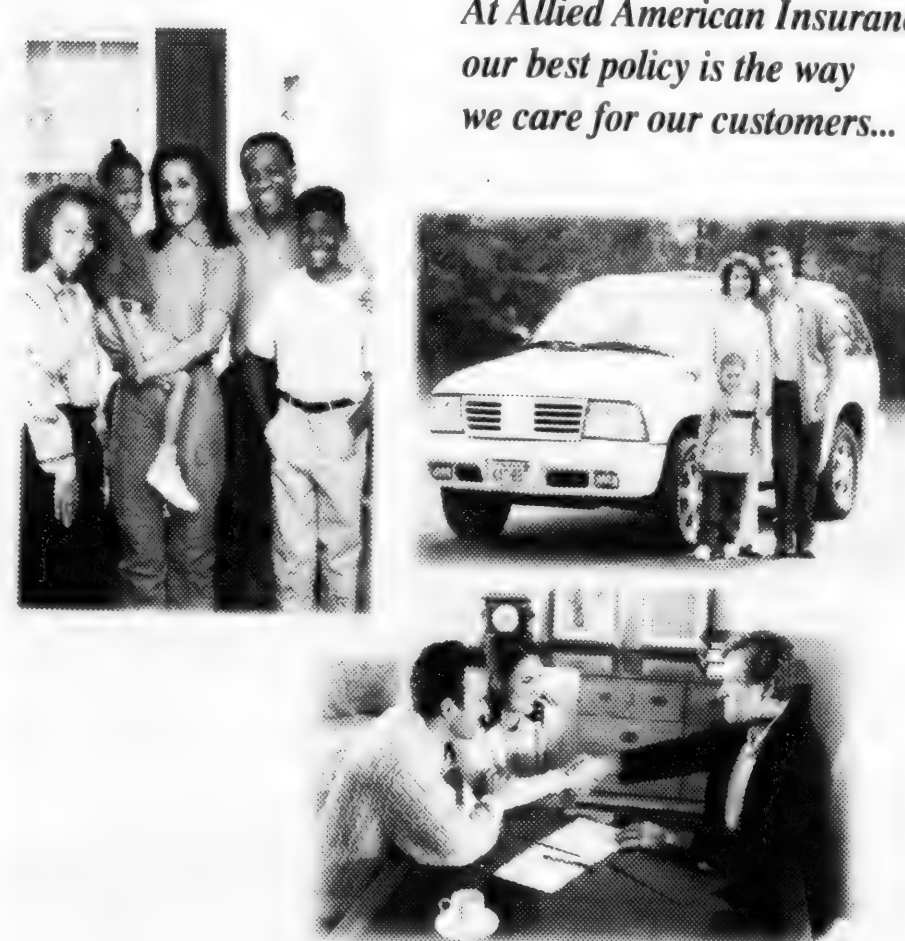


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in New England, with author Dr. David Blight of Amherst College, free, 2 p.m., Minute Man National Historical Park, 174 Liberty St., Concord; 978-369-6993.

Rail-A-Rama XXXIII, a railroad hobby show, \$3, \$1 children ages 5-12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ramada Rolling Green, Lowell Street; 617-361-4445, <www.mysticvalleys.org>.

Irish Mardi Gras celebration, \$15, \$12 seniors, students, 5 p.m., Trinity Church, River Road, Topsfield; 978-887-5570.

Open house, North Regional Theatre Workshop, Wilmington Arts Center, 159 Church St., Wilmington; 978-681-0355.

Opening reception, for new African Art exhibit, 2-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Winter festival, downtown Salem (Mass.) and waterfront district, see Feb. 8 entry.

Monday, Feb. 11

Discussion on economy, homeland safety, with Congressmen Martin Meehan and John Tierney, \$25 non-members, \$17 members, 7:30 a.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road; Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce 978-686-0900.

Women with Breast Cancer Support Group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; Margot Bixby 978-475-5094.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Financial advice discussion for elders, 5-7 p.m., Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St.; Paula Campbell 978-470-3434.

Video for parents, *Tough Guise: Violence, Media and the Crisis of Masculinity*, 7:30 p.m., Hart Room, West Middle School, sponsored by Parent to parent; Barbara Jezak 978-474-0387.

Fishing discussion, on fishing for giant pike close to Andover, with Derek Hartley, and updates on smallmouth bass-fishing techniques with several fishermen, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8400.

Meeting for retirees, with H. Manning Curtis, cardiologist, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 978-475-6698.

Welding lecture, with scholar-in-residence Tom Kelleher, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, Amos Blanchard house & Museum, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Garden discussion, with well-known flower designer Bill Graham, \$3 non-members, 7-9 p.m., sponsored by the North Andover Garden Club and Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover, Edgewood Retirement Community auditorium, 575 Osgood St., North Andover; 978-686-3774.

Heart to Heart luncheon, focusing on mothers and sponsored by Merrimack Valley Women's Connection, \$14,

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Tewksbury; 978-640-9000.

Live jazz, with the Marshall Wood Trio, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Harlem Globetrotters, \$12.50-\$35, 7 p.m., Tsongas Arena, 300 Arcand Drive, Lowell; 978-848-6900.

Maritime lecture, 7 p.m., Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; 978-462-8681.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Tony Bennett in concert, \$55-\$75, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-837-8688.

Artist talk, with



Tony Bennett

photographer Abe Morell, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8401, Ext. 49.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-689-9643.

Retirees meeting, hosted by Learning in Retirement Association, sponsoring bus trip to Commonwealth Museum in Boston; 978-934-3135.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network, \$10, 8:30 a.m., Village Green Restaurant, Danvers; Terri Vickers 781-558-1367.

Friday, Feb. 15

Author reading, Jay Atkinson of Methuen reads from *Ice Time*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-491-0143.

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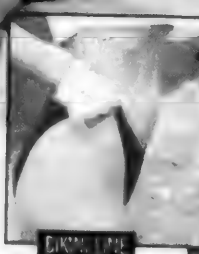
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Live jazz, with Rebecca Parris, \$32, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 617-522-8633.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's comedy wedding, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Jim Colliton, Chris Oake, Jesse Gersten, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

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ON THE SCENE

■ CELEBRATING THE PATS

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gave students the same day off.

The new bank in town made its party-attending debut at a fundraiser last Thursday night. After 167 years on Andover's Main Street, our hometown Andover Bank was taken over by Banknorth Massachusetts last month. And, Banknorth administrators wasted no time hitting the party scene. Several attended the fundraiser for the restoration of the historic Bicknell Clock in Lawrence held at One Mill Street restaurant. Banknorth pledged over \$1,500 to this clock campaign. And, worth noting is the Andover connection to the historical clock. Pushing to save the clock is a group called Save America's Clocks, founded by Tom Bernardin, now of Manhattan and formerly of this area. His brother, Dave Bernardin, is a lawyer in Andover. And, the clock campaign's fall fundraiser featured Andoverite (and clock expert) Bob Frishman who appraised clocks for folks. "There are lots of good feelings about history in Andover," said Jonas Stundza who heads Lawrence's historic commission. "We're very excited about this project. This is a unique street clock in New England and they were popular in the late 1800s up until the 1920s." Plans call for a summer debut for the clock. But, of course, only time will tell!

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For our state representative Barry

Finegold, it was family clout, not the political clout, that scored him tickets to THE GAME. He went, too, thanks to an uncle who is a team doctor for the Miami Dolphins. He scored those precious tickets months ago when the Patriots were not considered a playoff contender. He went with high school chum and fellow fan A.J. Boutin. "We've been diehard fans since high school and remember those games in the snow with just 15,000 people," Finegold said. And, adding even more memories to the eventful game was crossing paths with an old chum from South School in Andover. Finegold ending up driving from New Orleans to Birmingham, Ala. (340 miles) with Joe Lyons, who had rented a car from there. It was a road trip to remember, Finegold said, as the former elementary school chums haven't seen one another in several years.

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Selectman Brian Major was among the 60 guests at Ted and Colleen Georgian's annual Super Bowl party at their house on Lovejoy Road.

Multiple televisions were set up in different rooms and the house was decorated with all kinds of Patriots garb. And, Major did some defensive tackling himself at the end of the game. "I was screaming and so was Jack DeMoulas, who was next to me, and I just grabbed him for a bear hug and we fell, knocking over the furniture," Major said with a laugh. "It was an absolute blast."

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Andover Historical Society permanent exhibition Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum: with period rooms from 1820s through 1840s representing the lifestyle and collections of Andover people; Caroline Underhill Research Library & Archives; Exhibi-

tion of Winter Traditions and Holiday Customs (Hanukkah, India, Sweden), with "Toys, Trains, and Dolls," continued through January; open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays and Saturdays by appointment only; house tours 1-4 p.m. \$5; students \$3; members free; 978-475-2236.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachu-

setts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

■ PULPIT EXCHANGE

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The annual pulpit exchange was initiated in 1996, on the occasion of Andover's 350th anniversary. Each year, either Rabbi Goldstein of Temple Emanuel preaches at South Church, or Rev. Mutti speaks at Temple Emanuel.

This year, the South Church Adult Choir will join Rev. Mutti, along with Cantor Donn Rosensweig of Temple Emanuel.

The subject of Rev. Mutti's sermon is: "Hope for the Long Haul."

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The Mother Connection's Win-

ter Fundraising Gala is designed to be "a spectacular evening of dinner, dancing and a silent auction with more than 100 items donated from many local businesses." The reservations deadline has been extended to Feb. 12.

The event will be held Saturday, March 2, from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Victorian Ballroom, Holiday Inn, Tewksbury.

Tickets are \$40 per person, and proceeds from this event will go to supporting the Mother Connection's educational workshops, parent/child educational forums, playspace, and more, organizers said.

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Business

IN BRIEF

Cohen joins Andover Market Center

Malcolm A. Cohen of Andover has joined Keller Williams Realty's Andover Market Center as a broker/partner.

Cohen has worked for many Fortune 50 companies, spanning three decades, including General Electric, Honeywell Inc., Digital and Compaq. He served in various capacities in industrial and manufacturing, engineering, management, operations and call-center management, quality engineering, sales and marketing management.

Cohen has his MBA from Suffolk University and his bachelor's degree from Merrimack College. He has been a broker since 1988.

Keefe a high-flier in ASTA circles

Thomas L. Keefe, president of Addison Travel, 24 Chestnut St., has been re-elected as president of New England ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents).

New England ASTA comprises all of the New England States except Connecticut.

Keefe, with more than 30 years experience in the Travel Business, is responsible for helping the members with educational issues and in keeping them up to date on the many government and carrier regulations that travel agents must deal with in running their businesses.

For more information on ASTA, visit www.astanet.com; or on New England ASTA, call 978-475-5793.

AT&T Broadband offering business Internet service in 64 towns

Twenty-eight Massachusetts communities, including Andover, have been added to the growing number of cities that can receive AT&T Broadband high-speed cable internet for business. The service is now available to small businesses in more than 64 communities throughout Massachusetts. The service is priced between \$99 and \$299 per month for varying speeds and packages that include a domain name and Web hosting, additional e-mail storage, secure file service and other features designed for small business customers.



From left, Wellesley resident Bill Glavin of Scudder Investments, Andover resident James P. Palermo of Mellon New England, and Weston resident Dave Lamere, also of Mellon New England, share a laugh during the 7th annual United Way Investment Industry Leadership Breakfast. They joined some 480 investment professionals at the recent breakfast, which brings together key investment leaders, including brokers, advisors and financial consultants to raise funds to support the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. More than \$1.5 million was raised as a result of the breakfast. Palermo served on the committee that helped plan and coordinate the event. Despite the events of Sept. 11 and the aftermath of that tragedy, individuals and corporations across the greater Boston area contributed more than \$54 million to United Way efforts for children and families in this region, organizers said.

Trends develop in preserving memories

Local photo shops gauge the effect of Sept. 11 on their film, photo sales

By Ben Hellman

AT LEAST ONE SEGMENT of the Andover business community seems to have escaped relatively unscathed from the economic troubles of the last several months: photography shops, or people in the business of selling memories.

Three Andover shops had different views, but none reported a significant drop-off after Sept. 11.

"I personally haven't seen a difference (in sales)," said John Leonard of Photo USA. However, he pulled out an 11-by-14-inch enlargement of a photo that a customer had taken of the World Trade Towers. "We've gotten a lot of prints of (New York City) and the towers as they were. Also of the site," he said. Leonard believes people do this for memory's sake.

Dick Chapell of Andover Photo said that after Sept. 11, people got serious. "They sobered up. They started focusing on the family — and that's what we do," he said.

Chapell said that Andover Photo sold more film rolls from October through December 2001 than they had the previous year.

In addition, roll count doesn't take reprints into account. Chapell said that people also come in with old prints or old negatives. "A sibling has the original print of an old photo and wants to make copies for the rest. That gets expensive," he says.

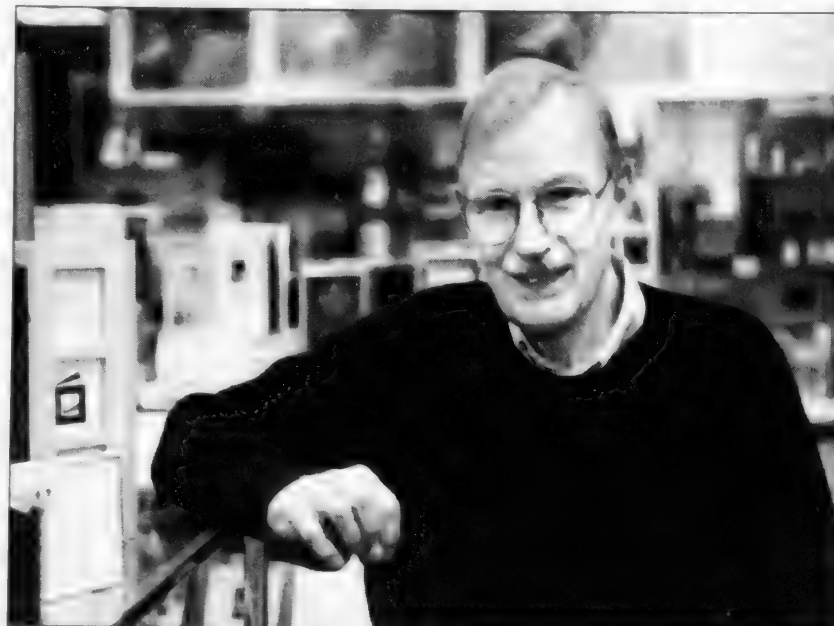
Chapell was surprised that roll count went up in December, as there was no snow. "Not a photogenic Christmas," he said. People also tend to focus on cards and reprints in December.

Speaking of December, Gary Keleshian of Optech said that more digital cameras sold this Christmas season than film cameras. He said this trend made it difficult for him to gauge the effect of Sept. 11 on film sales.

"I think people are taking less pictures in general, but it's winter and things tend to die down," said Keleshian. "There are several variables that throw off the question."

Chapell of Andover Photo also mentioned digital camera sales as a factor in the photo business.

Chapell said that the pros and cons



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Dick Chapell of Andover Photo saw an increase in fourth-quarter business, compared with the same period one year ago.



Andover Photo lab manager Jean Fallon inspects a roll of film before prints are made.



Caroline Chapell serves up some preserved memories to a store customer.

of film versus digital depended on what people want to do with the camera.

"It takes 10 minutes to print out a single quality print from a laser print-

er," he said.

He juxtaposed that option with dropping off a roll of film and picking up all the prints a few days later.

Meehan, Tierney to present view from Capitol Hill at Chamber breakfast Monday

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "A Special Report from Washington," a breakfast forum with guest speakers Congressmen Marty Meehan (D-Lowell) and John Tierney (D-Salem), on Monday, Feb. 11.

This forum will provide the congressmen with an opportunity to review with Merrimack Valley business men and women the new challenges facing the country — declining federal revenues; the need for homeland security; and

how Merrimack Valley businesses are impacted.

This forum will be timely, considering the president's recent State of the Union address, organizers said.

The Monday, Feb. 11 program will feature a full breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Wyndham Andover.

The cost is \$17, and the event is open to the public.

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Sports

AHS Roundup

Girls gymnastics, ski teams clinch championships as boys hockey claims at least a share of the trophy

By Rick Harrison

It was an eventful week for several Andover High girls and boys varsity sports teams.

• The undefeated AHS girls gymnastics squad won its third consecutive Merrimack Valley Conference dual meet championship, its seventh in 11 years and stretched its three-season dual-meet win streak through 25 meets with a 138.95 to 132.50 victory over previously-undefeated Chelmsford in their title showdown at Chelmsford High.

• The undefeated Andover High girls ski team clinched the North Shore League championship when it checked off two more wins and got some help from North Andover, which eliminated second-place Massconomet Regional of Topsfield from consideration by tying the Lady Chiefs.

• The Andover High boys varsity hockey team clinched at least a share of the Merrimack Valley Dual County League Division 2 championship, and a Division 2 North Tournament berth, despite a tough last-minute 3-2 loss to Lincoln-Sudbury.

It was the Golden Warriors' first league defeat, but when Boston Latin knocked off Methuen 3-1 it made it impossible for co-runnersup Methuen and Lincoln-Sudbury to do any better than tie AHS for the top spot.

• Both the Andover girls and boys varsity basketball teams registered huge wins over arch-rival Central Catholic.

The girls 64-32 romp dropped Central three games back in MVC Division 1, with three games left, while the boys convincing 66-53 conquest of the Raiders snapped a first-place tie and gave the Golden Warriors sole possession of the top spot in

MVC Division 1.

Andover boys hoop coach Dave Fazio also secured his 199th career win with the Golden Warriors — and he probably nailed down milestone victory No. 200 last night at home (after *Townsmen* presstime) against a Malden Catholic team AHS smoked 67-46 last week.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team nestled itself snugly in the MVC Division 1 driver's seat with the impressive 66-53 win over visiting Central Catholic at the Dunn Gym.

It's the kind of confidence-builder that could carry the Golden Warriors the rest of the way, but for now they own a one-game lead over the Raiders with five conference games left.

On paper there isn't an easy one in the bunch and three of the five are on the road, including the final two against MVC Division 2 co-leader Lawrence (13-2) and the rematch with Central (rubber game if you count the Christmas Tournament).

While the triumph over Central had great significance, the 67-46 victory over Malden Catholic officially qualified Andover for the Division 1 North Tournament for the 13th straight year under head coach Dave Fazio.

Andover entered last night's game at 11-5 overall, 11-3 in the eyes of MIAA Tournament officials and 8-0 in MVC play.

Scoring leaders

Chris Vetrano had 404 points through 16 games (25.3 average), while Jack Barrett boasted 198, brother

Kevin Barrett 166 and Pat Stockwood 111.

Vetrano already has 819 career points after 37 varsity games (22.1 average).

Schedule

Malden Catholic was at the Dunn Gym last night for a non-league rematch, and tomorrow night struggling but still unpredictable Lowell (6-11) visits the Dunn Gym for an MVC Division 1 game (7:30 p.m.).

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Even the defense-oriented Raiders couldn't put the clamps on Chris Vetrano, who drained six three-pointers and finished with 31 points as he topped 30 for the ninth time this season.

The win avenged a tough 58-52 setback to CCHS in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament semifinals Dec. 27.

The locals established their superiority in the first half, grinding out to a 34-21 lead at the break. Every time Central mounted a charge in the final 16 minutes Andover had the answer — which more often than not was Vetrano either with the basket or assist.

Kevin Barrett also hit double figures with 10 points, Jack Barrett had eight and Pat Stockwood seven.

Jarrett Mackin tossed in four points, single field goals were netted by Anthony Silva and Drew Watts, and Brendan Smith converted a pair of free throws.

For one of the few times in recent years, coach Dick Licare's Central crew did not have a player in double figures. Dan O'Shea came closest with

a team-high nine points.

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Nine Golden Warriors contributed to the balanced scoring attack and three were in double figures.

Pat Stockwood had his second biggest offensive night of the season, powering the attack with 17 points.

Jack Barrett nailed three more treys and finished with 15 points for the locals, who rolled out to a commanding 41-25 halftime advantage.

Chris Vetrano, concentrating more on distributing the ball in this one, posted a symmetrical double-double with 10 points and 10 assists.

Kevin Barrett tossed in eight points, Tyler Richards added six, Anthony Silva five, Brendan Smith and Chris Brouillard a basket each and Jarrett Mackin two free throws.

Jack Barrett is this week's winner of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight Award, said Coach Dave Fazio of the AHS boys varsity basketball team.

"Jack has become one of our team leaders this season," says Coach Fazio. "Defensively, he's as good as I've seen, and he's a good and reliable scorer. He's done a great job of learning his role within our system, and he's a very hard worker. We look forward to more great contributions from Jack as the season progresses."

Next week's Player of the Fortnight award winner will be a player from the girls team.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Playing like the best girls basketball team in the state of Massachusetts, Andover took a giant stride towards

another Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championship when it pounded archrival Central Catholic, 64-32, in a showdown that became a blowout at the Dunn Gym.

The impressive win, which effectively eliminated CCHS from title consideration, was the ninth straight for AHS heading into a nine-day lay-off.

The locals improved to 14-1 overall and 11-0 in the MVC, as they took a three-game lead over Central (12-3, 8-3 MVC) with three conference games left.

"We wanted this game badly," said AHS head coach Jim Tildsley. "Especially after the first time we played them, at their place (Dec. 14), and only won by two (52-50) after leading by 20."

"We (coaches) stressed to our kids that we could beat Central by 20 at least points — and we did."

Lowell is the only serious threat to AHS now, and the nine-day layoff ends this Sunday with an afternoon game at Lowell (2:30 p.m.).

The Red Raiders are currently 14-2 overall and 11-1 in conference play — with the only loss a resounding 60-46 defeat at Andover on Jan. 12.

"In one sense we don't want to take a nine-day break the way we're playing now," said Tildsley. "On the other hand, we've had some sickness (flu) going through the team and this gives everyone a chance to get back healthy."

The Lady Warriors were awarded four consecutive days off after beating Central — and they returned to practice yesterday.

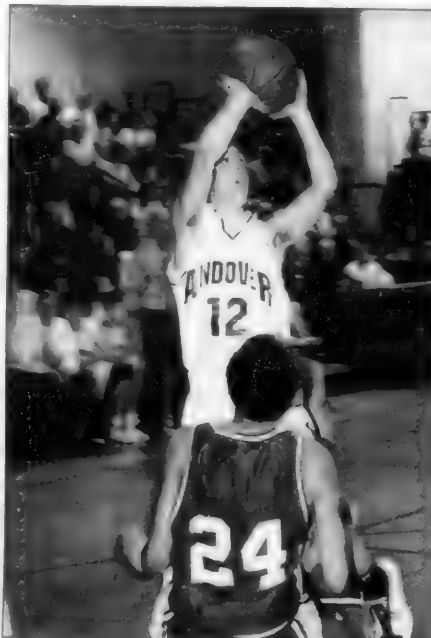
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ANDOVER SCORING

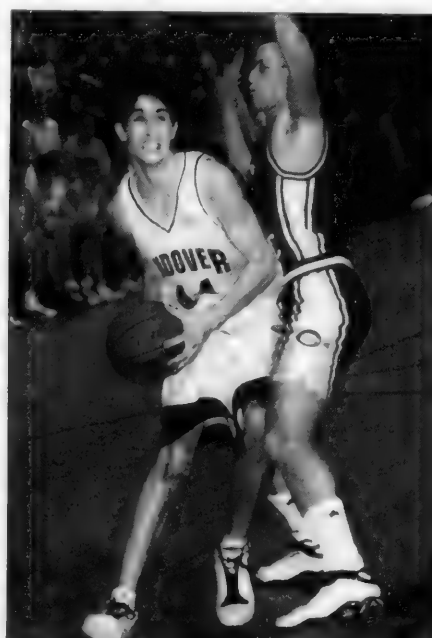
BOYS BASKETBALL (16 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Chris Vetrano	122	99	404
Jack Barrett	67	37	198
Kevin Barrett	66	29	166
Pat Stockwood	40	15	111
Drew Watts	22	9	53
Brendan Smith	15	16	46
Anthony Silva	16	10	43
Tyler Richards	7	12	26
Jarrett Mackin	8	4	20
Chris Brouillard	8	0	17

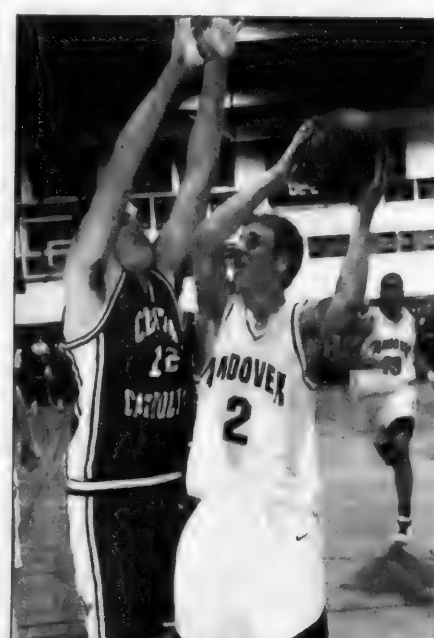
3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 61, Jack Barrett 27, Pat Stockwood 16, Kevin Barrett 5, Chris Brouillard 1, Anthony Silva 1.



Chris Vetrano



Tyler Richards



Kevin Barrett

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GAME SUMMARIES

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

ANDOVER 138.95, CHELMSFORD 132.50 at Chelmsford High

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Missy Carr (C) 9.05; 2. Kristin Elsmore (A) 8.9; 3. Becky Hass (A) 8.8; 4. Sheri Bernstein (A) 8.6. **Other AHS Scores:** Libby Fortier 8.3; Annmarie Cashman 8.0; Jenn Palermo 7.8.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Hass (A) 9.2; 2. Elsmore (A) 8.8; 3. Jackie Barry (A) 8.6; 4. Bernstein (A) 8.5. **Other AHS Scores:** Cashman 8.4; Katie Cail 8.3.

VAULT: 1. Elsmore (A) 8.9; 2. Fortier (A) 8.7; 3. Hass (A) 8.6; 4. Cail (A) 8.4. **Other AHS Scores:** Lauren Reed 8.2; Diana Vining 7.6.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Carr (C) 9.45; 2. Kate McCabe (C) 8.9; 3. (tie) Hass (A) & Elsmore (A) 8.8. **Other AHS Scores:** Cail 8.6; Bernstein 8.55; Fortier 8.4; Jenn Mason 7.7.

All-Around: 1. (tie) Becky Hass (A) & Kristin Elsmore (A) 35.40; 3. Missy Carr (C) 34.00; 4. Kate McCabe (C) 33.25. **Note:** Andover clinches MVC dual-meet championship with this win.

ANDOVER 135.55, METHUEN 123.80 at Dunn Gym

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Kristin Elsmore (A) 8.95; 2. Sheri Bernstein (A) 8.9; 3. Becky Hass (A) 8.8. **Other AHS Scores:** Libby Fortier 8.8; Annmarie Cashman 7.8; Jenn Palermo 7.8.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Bernstein (A) 9.1; 2. Jackie Barry (A) 8.9; 3. Cashman (A) 8.7; 4. (tie) Andrea Krivelow (A) 8.0. **Other AHS Scores:** Andrea Coiro 7.7; Heather Barry 5.8.

VAULT: 2. (tie) Katie Cail (A) & Jenn Nisco (A) 8.3; 4. Lauren Reed (A) 8.3. **Other AHS Scores:** Palermo 8.2; Jenn Mason 8.0; Aja Nicholson 7.8.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 2. Danielle Lemire (A) 8.4; 3. Meghan Harrington (A) 8.3; 4. Lisa Valera (A) 8.2. **Other AHS Scores:** Coiro 7.9; Diana Vining 7.0; Brianna Casey 6.9.

All-Around: None.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 66, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 53 at Dunn Gym

Central Catholic — Oliveri 1-0-3, Otero 0-1-1, Earley 2-0-4, Martinez 2-2-6, Power 3-0-6, Burkhardt 0-6-6, Victor 4-0-8, Black-Jones 0-1-1, Sipsey 2-0-5, O'Shea 3-3-9. Paquin 1-2-4, Morales 0-0-0. **Totals:** 18-15-53.

Andover — Kevin Barrett 5-0-10, Jack Barrett 2-4-8, Brendan Smith 0-2-2, Chris Vetrano 11-3-31, Anthony Silva 1-0-2, Chris Brouillard 0-0-0, Jarrett Mackin 2-0-4, Tyler Richards 0-0-0, Pat Stockwood 3-0-7, Drew Watts 1-0-2. **Totals:** 25-9-66.

Halftime: Andover, 34-21. **3-pointers:** A, Vetrano 6. **Stockwood 1; CC, Sipsey 1, Oliveri.**

ANDOVER 67, MALDEN CATHOLIC 46 at Malden Catholic

Andover — Kevin Barrett 4-0-8, Jack Barrett 5-2-15, Brendan Smith 1-0-2, Chris Vetrano 3-2-10, Anthony Silva 2-1-5, Jarrett Mackin 0-2-2, Chris Brouillard 1-0-2, Pat Stockwood 7-3-17, Tyler Richards 1-4-6, Drew Watts 0-0-0. **Totals:** 24-14-67.

Malden Catholic — Mike Cooper 2-2-6, Jason Parajackas 1-0-2, Adam Chiengo 2-0-5, Nick Cappello 4-3-13, Brian Kelly 1-4-6, James Knowles 1-0-3, Dave Connolly 3-0-8, Khalid Johnson 1-1-3. **Totals:** 15-10-46.

Halftime: Andover, 41-25. **3-pointers:** A, JBarrett 3, Vetrano 2; MC, Cappello 2, Connolly 2, Chiengo 1, Knowles 1. **Assists:** A, Vetrano 10.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 64, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 32 at Dunn Gym

Central Catholic — Jenn Chucks 4-0-8, Lyndi Savastano 1-0-2, Ashley Heilmann 1-0-2, Casey Grange 2-2-6, Amanda Ducharme 1-0-2, Sara Vienneau 3-1-8, Katie McNeil 1-2-4, Brigid Hegarty 0-0-0. **Totals:** 13-5-32.

Andover — Merry Fish 2-0-4, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 4-6-14, Matia Kostakis 0-4-4, Ashley McLaughlin 3-1-7, Samantha Hughes 3-1-7, Kelly McLaughlin 2-0-4, Shannon Sweeney 1-3-5, Kerrie Dargan 0-2-2, Megan Pinksten 8-1-17. **Totals:** 23-18-64.

Halftime: Andover, 29-11. **3-pointers:** CC, Vienneau 1. **Rebounds:** A, AMcLaughlin 11, Sweeney 10, Muller 5, Pinksten 5, Kostakis 5, KMcLaughlin 4, Hughes 2. **Assists:** A, Muller 8, Kramer 4, Sweeney 3, AMcLaughlin 2, Fish 2. **Steals:** A, Muller 4, AMcLaughlin 4, Pinksten 3, Sweeney 3, Kramer 2, Kostakis 2, Hughes 1. **Blocked Shots:** AMcLaughlin 2, Sweeney 2.

ANDOVER 55, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 29 at Tyngsboro

Andover — Merry Fish 1-0-3, Jenny Muller 7-2-16, Ashley McLaughlin 2-0-4, Samantha Hughes 0-2-2, Kelly McLaughlin 0-1-1, Meagan Merinder 1-1-3, Liz Pallotta 1-3-5, Shannon Sweeney 2-0-4, Megan Pinksten 6-5-17. **Totals:** 20-14-55.

Notre Dame Academy — Niki Lowe 1-0-2, Colleen Sullivan 1-0-2, Kristen Bowes 5-0-13, Tracey Sarro 2-0-4, Katie Pilot 3-0-6, Kelly Kiriakakos 1-0-2. **Totals:** 13-0-29. **Halftime:** Andover, 32-13. **3-pointers:** A, Fish 1; NDA, Bowes 3. **Rebounds:** A, AMcLaughlin 12, KMcLaughlin 7, Pinksten 7, Hughes 6, Sweeney 5. **Assists:** A, Muller 5, AMcLaughlin 5, Sweeney 2, Hughes 2. **Steals:** A,

AMcLaughlin 4, KMcLaughlin 2, Hughes 2, Pallotta 2. **Blocked Shots:** A, AMcLaughlin 2.

ANDOVER 60, LOWELL 46 at Dunn Gym

Lowell — Jamie Woodward 0-2-2, Estrella Kulian 4-3-11, Courtney Keefe 3-2-10, Laurie Tanguay 1-0-2, Natalie Shea 1-0-2, Kayleigh Scannell 0-2-2, Lindsay McDermott 0-2-2, Caitlin Barry 1-0-3, Katelyn Elliot 0-0-0, Jenn Scannell 4-4-12. **Totals:** 14-15-46.

Andover — Merry Fish 2-1-6, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 5-1-11, Matia Kostakis 2-0-4, Ashley McLaughlin 5-3-13, Meagan Merinder 0-0-0, Samantha Hughes 1-0-2, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 8-0-16, Liz Pallotta 0-0-0, Kerrie Dargan 1-0-2, Megan Pinksten 3-0-6. **Totals:** 27-5-60.

Halftime: Andover, 28-19. **3-pointers:** A, Fish 1; L, Keefe 2, Barry 1. **Rebounds:** A, Sweeney 15. **AMcLaughlin 7, Kostakis 6, Muller 5, Hughes 5. Assists:** A, Muller 8, Kramer 6, AMcLaughlin 4, Sweeney 3. **Steals:** A, Muller 3, Kramer 2, AMcLaughlin 2, Hughes 1.

ANDOVER 68, TEWKSBURY 28 at Dunn Gym

Tewksbury — Courtney O'Brien 1-0-2, Kelli Sullivan 1-0-2, Rachel Burke 2-2-8, Kelly Boyle 0-0-0, Mandy Venuti 2-0-4, Janelle Lafreniere 1-1-3, Emily Kaiser 0-2-2, Michelle White 2-1-5, Dee Hiatt 1-0-2. **Totals:** 10-6-28.

Andover — Merry Fish 3-2-11, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 5-2-12, Matia Kostakis 1-0-2, Ashley McLaughlin 4-3-12, Samantha Hughes 3-0-6, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Meagan Merinder 0-2-2, Liz Pallotta 0-3-3, Shannon Sweeney 2-1-5, Kerrie Dargan 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 6-3-15. **Totals:** 24-16-68.

Halftime: Andover, 42-16. **3-pointers:** A, Fish 3. **AMcLaughlin 1; T. Burke 2. Rebounds:** A, Sweeney 13. **Kostakis 9, AMcLaughlin 6. Assists:** A, Muller 5. **Kostakis 4, AMcLaughlin 4; Sweeney 3, Kramer 3. Steals:** A, Muller 6, AMcLaughlin 6, Kostakis 5, Kramer 5, Sweeney 5. **Blocked Shots:** AMcLaughlin 2.

WALPOLE 55, ANDOVER 46 at Dunn Gym

Walpole — ACollins 0-0-0, Stuppl 1-0-2, DCollins 2-0-4, Wolf 3-3-10, Gayle 10-5-25, Cook 2-2-7, Mazzani 3-1-7. **Totals:** 21-11-55.

Andover — Merry Fish 2-0-5, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 6-3-16, Matia Kostakis 0-0-0, Ashley McLaughlin 4-7-17, Samantha Hughes 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 2-0-4, Megan Pinksten 1-2-4. **Totals:** 15-12-46.

Halftime: Tied, 23-23. **3-pointers:** A, AMcLaughlin 2. **Muller 1, Fish 1; W, Wolf 1, Cook 1. Rebounds:** A, Pinksten 6, Sweeney 6, Muller 5. **Assists:** A, Muller 6, Kramer 2, Fish 2. **Steals:** A, Kramer 2.

ANDOVER 49, METHUEN 19 Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament Semifinal Round at Salem, N.H. High

Andover — Merry Fish 0-0-0, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 2-1-5, Matia Kostakis 2-0-4, Ashley McLaughlin 8-2-21, Samantha Hughes 0-0-0, Kelly McLaughlin 1-0-2, Meagan Merinder 1-0-2, Liz Pallotta 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 0-1-1, Kerrie Dargan 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 6-2-14. **Totals:** 20-6-49.

Methuen — Casey Gallo 3-2-8, Katie Belair 1-0-2, Karey Gallo 0-0-0, Jen Waldie 1-5-7, Apar 1-0-2. **Totals:** 6-7-19.

Andover 9 17 3 20 — 49
Methuen 2 7 4 6 — 19
3-pointers: A, AMcLaughlin 3. **Rebounds:** A, AMcLaughlin 6, Kostakis 6. **Assists:** A, Muller 8, Kramer 4, AMcLaughlin 2. **Steals:** A, Kostakis 2, AMcLaughlin 1.

ANDOVER 71, SALEM, N.H. 48 Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament Championship Game at Salem, N.H. High

Andover — Merry Fish 1-0-2, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 9-5-23, Matia Kostakis 3-0-6, Ashley McLaughlin 7-2-17, Meagan Merinder 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 2-1-5, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 6-4-16, Samantha Hughes 0-0-0, Kerrie Dargan 1-0-2, Liz Pallotta 0-0-0. **Totals:** 29-12-71.

Salem, N.H. — McDonald 1-6-8, Crosby 0-2-2, Rocheleau 0-1-1, Woodman 2-4-8, Constant 2-0-4, Sidowski 6-2-14, Danaco 2-5-9, Paulankov 1-0-2. **Totals:** 14-20-48.

Andover 9 16 31 15 — 71
Salem 18 16 0 14 — 48
3-pointers: A, AMcLaughlin 1. **Rebounds:** A, Pinksten 10, AMcLaughlin 7, Sweeney 6, Muller 6, Kostakis 5, KMcLaughlin 3, Hughes 3. **Assists:** A, Muller 6, Kramer 4, Kostakis 3, Pinksten 3, Fish 2, AMcLaughlin 2, KMcLaughlin 2, Sweeney 2, Hughes 1. **Steals:** A, Muller 3, AMcLaughlin 3, Pinksten 3, Fish 1, Kostakis 1, Sweeney 1, Hughes 1. **Blocked Shots:** A, AMcLaughlin 2, Sweeney 1, Kostakis 1. **Tournament MVP:** Ashley McLaughlin. **All-Tournament Team:** A, Jenny Muller. **Coaches Award:** A, Megan Pinksten.

BOYS HOCKEY

ANDOVER 6, LOWELL 4 at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
SECOND PERIOD: 1. L. Ryan Doyle (Brian Daly, Jared Fairweather), 1:41; 2. L. Dan Sousa (unassisted), 5:16; 3. A. Mike Corey 1 (Peter Burbank, Steve Johnson), 6:53;

4. A. Justin Leider 1 (Joe Nasta, Tim LeGrow), 9:24 (pp); 5. L. Paul Descheneaux (Tom Kiesel, Paul Feeney), 12:38; 6. A. John Limauro 1 (LeGrow), 12:50; 7. L. Doyle (unassisted), 13:44.

THIRD PERIOD: 8. A. Burbank 1 (Johnson, Corey), 7:29; 9. A. Burbank 2 (unassisted), 11:07 (pp); 10. Burbank 3 (Corey), 14:51 (sh) (en).

Lowell 0 4 0 — 4
Andover 0 3 3 — 6

Shots by period: Andover 7-11-17-35. **Lowell 5-10-5-20**. **Goalies:** A, Peter Loring (20 shots, 16 saves); L, Mike Thenault (35 shots, 29 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 3. **Lowell 4.**

ANDOVER 3, BOSTON LATIN 3 at Matthews Arena, Boston

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Dave McGrath 1 (John Limauro), 13:15; 2. A. Mike Corey 2 (unassisted), 13:52 (sh); 3. BL Jim Duffy (Sean O'Brien, Matt Regal), 14:41.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Corey 3 (Peter Burbank, Eric Levine), 1:35; 5. BL Pat Balaconis (Duffy, Mike McCarthy), 13:31 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD: 6. BL Jack Owens (Steve Kasper, Bill Carr), 12:16.

Andover 2 1 0 — 3
Boston Latin 1 1 1 — 3

Shots by period: Andover 7-6-5-18, Boston Latin 8-10-7-25. **Goalies:** A, Tory Traynor (25 shots, 22 saves); BL Ryan Kelly (18 shots, 15 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 3. **Boston Latin 5.**

ANDOVER 3, HAVERHILL 3 at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. H. Faraci (Gammaso), 2:32; 2. H. Ryan Kelleher (Torosian, O'Connell), 10:29 (pp). **SECOND PERIOD:** 3. A. Mike Corey 4 (Steve Johnson, Peter Burbank), 7:01 (pp); 4. A. Corey 5 (George Lewis), 10:41.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. A. John Limauro 2 (Dave McGrath, Andrew Santos), 1:50; 6. H. Torosian (Murphy, O'Connell), 11:05.

Andover 0 2 1 — 3
Haverhill 2 0 1 — 3

Shots by period: Andover 4-8-9-21, Haverhill 3-4-5-12. **Goalies:** A, Tory Traynor (12 shots, 9 saves); H, Justin Teal (21 shots, 18 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 4, Haverhill 2.

MASCONOMET 6, ANDOVER 3 Haverhill Christmas Tournament at Veterans Memorial Rink, Haverhill

FIRST PERIOD: 1. M. Nick LeColst (Jim Ruggiero), 2:50; 2. A. Steve Johnson 1 (Peter Burbank, Mike Corey), 3:49.

SECOND PERIOD: 3. M. Ruggiero (Scott Abbott), 1:11; 4. M. David Barker (Dan Concoria), 2:57; 5. A. Tim LeGrow 1 (unassisted), 4:08.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. M. Abbott (Dave Buccieri), 2:28; 7. M. Abbott (Concoria, Ruggiero), 5:21; 8. M. Abbott (Alex Ebert, Buccieri), 7:48; 9. A. Johnson 2 (Burbank, Corey), 10:20.

Andover 1 1 1 — 3
Masconomet 1 2 3 — 6

Shots by period: Andover 7-3-3-13; Masconomet 6-6-9-21. **Goalies:** A, Tory Traynor (37 minutes), & Derek Barenboim (21 shots, 15 saves); M, P.J. LeColst (13 shots, 10 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 6, Masconomet 2.

DANVERS 5, ANDOVER 3 Haverhill Christmas Tournament at Veterans Memorial Rink, Haverhill

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
SECOND PERIOD: 1. A. Mike Corey 6 (Peter Burbank), 4:24 (pp); 2. D. Chris Gaffney (Justin Dube, Chris Horn), 8:24; 3. D. Matt Gotts (Andy Ouellette, Dube), 11:03.

THIRD PERIOD: 4. D. Eric Fladger (Gotts, Langmaid), 1:32; 5. D. Kyle McCullough (unassisted), 3:01; 6. D. McCullough (Ryan Hayes), 7:13; 7. A. Mike Van Campen 1 (Joe Nasta), 8:43; 8. A. Andy Santos 1 (unassisted), 13:41.

Andover 0 1 2 — 3
Danvers 0 2 3 — 5

Shots by period: Andover 5-6-7-18, Danvers 8-8-9-25. **Goalies:** A, Derek Barenboim (37 minutes, 22 shots, 17 saves); Peter Loring (8 minutes, 3 shots, 3 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 3, Danvers 6.

ANDOVER 6, WESTFORD ACADEMY 3 at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Tim LeGrow 2 (David McGrath), 2:09; 2. A. John Limauro 3 (Steve Seero), 8:44; 3. W. Josh Doolittle (Dennis Kane), 14:46.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Andrew Santos 2 (LeGrow, Steve Johnson), 2:14; 5. A. Mike Corey 7 (Joe Nasta, Peter Burbank), 3:15; 6. W. John Davis (Chris Carpenter), 4:08; 7. W. Chris Rogers (Carpenter, Kane), 8:58.

THIRD PERIOD: 8. A. Burbank 4 (Nasta, LeGrow), 5:09; 9. A. Nasta 1 (Burbank), 9:05.

Westford 1 2 0 — 3
Andover 2 2 2 — 6

Shots by period: Andover 9-18-12-39, Westford 7-4-3-14. **Goalies:** A, Peter Loring (14 shots, 11 saves); W, Brian Murray (39 shots, 33 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 3, Westford Academy 1.

ANDOVER 3, LINCOLN-SUDBURY 2 at New England Sports Center, Marlboro

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Steve Johnson 3 (unassisted), 6:10; 2. LS, Steve Milley (Brian Moore, Andy Centauro), 10:02;

3. LS, Geoff Nash (Chris Beatty, Milley), 13:40 (pp). **SECOND PERIOD:** 4. A. John Limauro 4 (Andrew Santos), 5:58.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. A. Tim LeGrow 3 (Peter Burbank), 8:09.

Andover 1 1 1 — 3
Lincoln-Sudb. 2 0 0 — 2

Shots by period: Andover 6-8-7-21, Lincoln-Sudbury 8-5-2-15. **Goalies:** A, Derek Barenboim (15 shots, 13 saves); LS, Brendan Mahoney (21 shots, 18 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 4, Lincoln-Sudbury 2.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 3, ANDOVER 2 at Salem, N.H. iCenter

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Mike Corey 8 (Peter Burbank, John Nasta), 7:22; 2. CC, Keith Simoes (Pat Wadland, Brian Bartlett), 8:23; 3. CC, Mike Fernick (Mark Carretani, Steve Paduchowski), 12:33 (sh).

SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Tim LeGrow 4 (Joe Nasta), 3:56 (pp); 5. CC, Casey Duggan (Carretani), 9:35 (sh). **THIRD PERIOD:** No scoring.

Andover 1 1 0 — 2
Central Catholic 2 1 0 — 3

Shots by period: Andover 9-14-5-28, Central Catholic 4-9-6-19. **Goalies:** A, Derek Barenboim (19 shots, 16 saves); CC, Tony Helinski (28 shots, 26 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 3, Central Catholic 6.

ANDOVER 3, METHUEN 2 at Methuen High

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Andrew Santos 3 (Steve Johnson, Ben Hoerner), 3:53.

SECOND PERIOD: 2. A. Mike Corey 9 (Joe Nasta), 0:29 (sh); 3. M, Eric MacDonald (James Girouard), 3:12; 4. A. Peter Burbank 5 (Corey), 14:23.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. M. Jeremy Abdo (unassisted), 10:09 (pp).

Andover 1 2 0 — 3
Methuen 0 1 1 — 2

Shots by period: Andover 9-6-8-23, Methuen 6-13-7-26. **Goalies:** A, Derek Barenboim (26 shots, 24 saves); M, Tom Kupka (23 shots, 20 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 7, Methuen 4.

ANDOVER 4, BOSTON LATIN 2 at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Mike Corey 10 (George Lewis, Joe Nasta), 3:45; 2. BL, Pat Balaconis (Mike McCarthy, Pat Moran), 4:45 (pp); 3. A. Joe Nasta 2 (Corey, Peter Burbank), 11:32.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Burbank 6 (Corey, Lewis), 9:55; 5. A. Burbank 7 (Lewis), 10:44 (sh).

THIRD PERIOD: 6. BL, Pat Moran (McCarthy, Will Dammin), 8:07 (pp).

Boston Latin 1 0 1 — 2
Andover 2 2 0 — 4

Shots by period: Andover 6-7-3-16, Boston Latin 7-7-8-22. **Goalies:** A, Tory Traynor (22 shots, 20 saves); BL, Dave Biele & Bill Carr (16 shots, 12 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 8, Boston Latin 1.

TEWKSBURY 3, ANDOVER 2 at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD: 1. A. Joe Nasta 3 (George Lewis, Steve Johnson), 3:36; 2. T, Dan Fratalia (Matt Ginsberg, Sean Walsh), 3:57.

THIRD PERIOD: 3. T. Ginsberg (Walsh, Dennis Kehane), 10:03; 4. A. Lewis 1 (Mike Corey), 13:21; 5. T. Ginsberg (Fratalia), 14:13.

Tewksbury 0 1 2 — 3
Andover 0 1 1 — 2

AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Schedule

After Lowell, the MVC season concludes with a home game Tuesday night against Haverhill and an away game on Friday at Methuen (both 7:30 p.m.).

The regular season wraps up the weekend of Feb. 16-17 at the MediaOne Tournament.

Leading scorers

Jenny Muller leads the team after 15 games with 237 points (15.8 average), while Ashley McLaughlin has 183 and Megan Pinksten 168.

Muller now has 922 career points as she closes in on 1,000 for her career.

Andover 64

Central Catholic 32

The locals built a 29-7 lead late in the first half and this time they didn't let up.

"We played an awesome game," said coach Tildsley. "Our defense just keeps getting better and better. We played straight man-to-man, with an occasional trap, the whole way."

Jenny Muller, in addition to her usual offensive fireworks, frustrated Central's Brigid Hegarty and held the Raiders' top point producer scoreless.

"Holding Hegarty without a point in a game of this magnitude is unbelievable," said Tildsley. "Jenny never ceases to amaze me."

Katie Kramer drew another tough defensive assignment and limited Casey Grange to a pair of field goals and six total points.

"Our weakside help and overall defensive intensity was outstanding."

Central committed more than 30 turnovers as it faced Andover's "32 Minutes of Hell" defense.

"For us to win we need to play the great defense as well as execute, rebound and run on offense," said Tildsley. "We had it all working tonight."

The coach was very happy with the leadership, maturity and discipline displayed by senior Capt. Kramer, Shannon Sweeney and Megan Pinksten.

He also lauded the "phenomenal play" of Merry Fish, Matia Kostakis, Samantha Hughes, Kelly McLaughlin and Kerrie Dargan off the bench.

Pinksten was the top scorer with 17 points and Muller added 14. Pinksten also contributed five rebounds, three steals and Muller eight assists, five boards and four steals.

Ashley McLaughlin and Hughes tossed in seven points each, while McLaughlin added 11 rebounds, four steals, two assists and two blocked shots.

Sweeney produced five points, 10 rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

Kostakis converted four free throws and had five rebounds, two steals.

Kelly McLaughlin finished with four points and four steals. Fish four

points and two assists, Dargan two foul shots and Kramer four assists, two steals.

The winners hit 18-of-27 free throws.

Central, which did not have a player in double figures, was led by Jenn Chucks and Sarah Vienneau with eight points each.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

It seems only fitting that Andover's Dynamic Duo, seniors Becky Hass and Kristin Elmore, tied for all-around honors in the meet that clinched the Merrimack Valley Conference title.

The pair, who were fractions of a point apart in the other two meets they competed all-around this season, both finished at 35.40 in the Lady Warriors' 138.95 to 132.50 conquest of Chelmsford.

They had plenty of support from a talented cast of teammates, as that Chelmsford victory and a non-league decision over Shrewsbury 24 hours later left the locals with a final 7-0 mark this winter including 6-0 in the MVC.

The Lady Warriors also stampeded past Methuen, 135.55 to 123.80, in a recent meet.

"I can't believe the season went by so quickly — and that Becky and Kristin's high school careers are almost over," said coach Julie Chap-

man. "It's sad. We're going to miss them."

Hass and Elmore can still make plenty more noise, however, in the upcoming MVC, North Sectional, State Individual and hopefully State Team Championship Meets.

Schedule

The annual MVC Championship Meet will again be hosted by Andover this Saturday afternoon.

Warmups begin at 1 p.m. at the Dunn Gym and the first event will be contested at 3 p.m.

The annual North Sectional Meet is slated for Saturday, Feb. 16 at Westford Academy.

Top teams at the Sectionals advance to the State Meet which is slated for Foxboro High later this month.

"Checking scores from around the area and the state — I think we have a good shot both at Sectionals and the State Meet," said coach Chapman.

"Barnstable (defending state champ) and Attleboro both had a couple scores in the high 130's. Danvers could have been a threat but lost of of its best gymnasts. We're right there with the best of them."

Andover 138.90

Chelmsford 132.50

Capt. Becky Hass and Kristin Elmore placed first in one event each on the way to sharing the all-around crown.

Hass was tops on balance beam with a 9.2 and Elmore in vault with an 8.9.

"We didn't have any slips or falls off beam, and this is the second time we've topped 35 points (35.10) in that event when we were shooting for a high score," said coach Chapman.

Elmore was second on beam (8.8), Capt. Jackie Barry third (8.6) and Sheri Bernstein completed a sweep of the top four places (8.5).

AHS also swept the top four spots in vault with freshman Libby Fortier's personal-best 8.7 good for second place. Hass was third (8.6) and Katie Cail fourth (8.4).

Elmore was second on the uneven bars (8.9) and Hass third (8.8), and the pair tied for third in floor exercise (8.8).

Bernstein finished fourth on bars (8.5) and she also scored 8.55 in floor.

Fortier added an 8.4 in floor and 8.3 on bars, while Cail also competed in three events with an 8.6 in floor and 8.3 on beam.

Annmarie Cashman registered an 8.4 on beam and 8.0 on bars.

Competing favorably in one event each were Jenn Palermo on bars (7.8), Lauren Reed (8.2) and Diana Vining (personal-best 7.6) in vault and Jenn Mason in floor (7.7).

"We had a tough time in floor because Chelmsford uses a wrestling mat — and some of our girls had never competed on that type of mat before," said Chapman. "It probably knocked our team score down about a point."

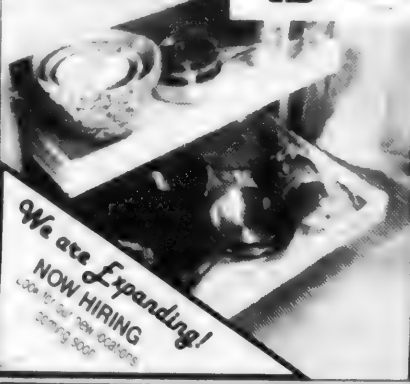
For Chelmsford, which finished the dual-meet season 5-1, impressive freshman Missy Carr placed first in floor (9.45), first on bars (9.05) and third all-around (34.00).

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS GYMNASTICS

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Kate McCabe was second in floor (8.9) and fourth all-around (33.25).

Andover 135.55
Methuen 123.80

Once again getting as many people involved as possible, the Lady Warriors put 20 gymnasts on display and rolled to victory over the Rangers at the Dunn Gym.

Leading the charge were first-place performances by Kristin Elsmore on the uneven bars (8.95) and Sheri Bernstein on balance beam (career-best 9.1).

"We weren't even going for a score and still put up quite a number," said coach Chapman. "That's pretty impressive."

"Sheri (Bernstein) had a fantastic evening with personal bests on bars and beam, while Jackie Barry also had her top score on beam and Diana Vining in floor."

Bernstein registered an 8.9 on bars as runner-up to Kristin Elsmore (8.95), while Capt. Barry was second to Bernstein on beam (8.9).

Katie Cail and sophomore Jenn Nisco tied for second in vault (8.3), and freshman Danielle Lemire placed second in floor exercise (8.4).

Chalking up thirds for AHS were Capt. Becky Hass on bars (8.8), freshman Annmarie Cashman on beam

(8.7) and freshman Meghan Harrington in floor (8.3).

Sophomore Andrea Krivelow tied for fourth on beam (8.0), freshman Lauren Reed was fourth in vault (8.3) and junior Lisa Vallera fourth in floor (8.2).

Competing in two events each were Bernstein, freshman Jenn Palermo with a 7.8 on bars and 6.2 in vault, freshman Andrea Coiro with a 7.9 in floor and 7.7 on beam, and Cashman who added a 7.8 on bars.

Other locals who scored were freshman Libby Fortier on bars (8.1), junior Heather Barry on beam (5.8), sophomore Jenn Mason (8.0) and freshman Aja Nicholson (7.8) in vault, Diana Vining (7.0) and freshman Brianna Casey (6.9) in floor.

INDOOR TRACK

It was a rare rough week for the Andover High boys and girls indoor track teams, both of whom were edged in dual meets by Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 rival Central Catholic after bowing to crosstown prep school rival Phillips Academy in non-league action.

The 44-42 loss to Central also left the AHS girls with no hope of catching undefeated Chelmsford (9-0) for a share of the conference Division 1 dual-meet title.

The AHS girls fell to 7-2 in the MVC and 7-3 overall with their dou-

ble dip, while the boys dropped to 5-3 in the conference and 5-4 overall.

Schedule

Yesterday afternoon, after *Townsmen* presstime, both Golden Warriors' teams hosted Methuen in their MVC dual-meet finale.

The State Class A Championship Meet is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Central Catholic 44
Andover girls 42

It came down to the final 4x400 relay, and when Central won that race by three seconds it snapped the Lady Warriors MVC dual-meet win streak at seven.

Both teams finished with five first places, AHS sparked by a double win from senior Capt. Natasha Camilo in the 300 dash (40.2) and high jump (4'10").

Other Andover victories were posted by Capt. Katie Gustin in the hurdles (7.3), Stephanie Casper whose 1:34.3 in the 600 nipped Central's Dominique Caruso (1:34.4) by 1/10th of a second, and shot putter Betsy Miller (31'11").

Nailing down seconds were freshman hurdler Meghan Keefe (7.9), freshman sprinter Jenny Delesk (50 dash, 6.6), freshman miler Leslie Willey (5L56.4) and junior two-miler Lauren Woo (13:01.5).

Chalking up valuable points for third were junior Laura Denison (300 dash, 41.7), Carolyn Berberian (600 run, 1:37.8), Capt. Lindsey Durkin (1000 run, 3:07.1), two-miler Cory Hanson (13:26.6) and junior high jumper Becca Fink (4'8").

In the decisive relay the CCHS quartet of Gillian Mundry, Julie Aleksa, Jackie Chase and Caruso crossed in 4:23.2 while the AHS team finished in 4:26.3.

Other keys for Central were a surprise third-place finish in the mile by Bethany Knight, and a victory by freshman two-miler Kelsey Farrell whose 12:57.6 clocking was a personal best by 20 seconds.

For Andover, personal-best times were recorded by Willey, Berberian and Casper while Denison and Keefe matched their best times.

Andover was missing a couple of key pointscorers for the meet.

"It was exam week and the kids were on a different schedule," said head coach Art Iworsley.

"Our best miler, Bristol Konjoian, was sidelined with a high fever. So Leslie Willey, our top runner in the 1000, was switched to the mile. It probably cost us points in races because Central took two of the three places in both."

"Charlene Fielding, who would have won the 50 dash, was also home sick."

Phillips Academy 62
Andover girls 28

Coach Dick Collins's undefeated PA crew placed first in every event and had a double win from Andover resident Katie Delesk in the 50 dash (6.4) and 300 dash (39.5).

Speed runs in the family as she edged younger sister Jenny of AHS in the 50. Jenny was clocked in 6.5.

Other runners-up for the Lady Warriors were miler Bristol Konjoian (5:59.4), sophomore high jumper Melissa Parry (4'8"), hurdler Katie Gustin (7.7), shot putter Betsy Miller (30' 1/2"), long jumper Carolyn Berberian (15'7 1/2"), pole vaulter Allison Fortier (7'0") and Stephanie Casper (600 run, 1:35.2).

Contributing thirds were Natasha Camilo in the high jump (4'6") and 300 dash (41.4), miler Julia Kwolyk (6:04.4), hurdler Patty Wong (8.0), Berberian (600 run, 1:40.1), two-miler Lauren Woo (13:13.3) and Casper in the long jump (15'6 1/4").

Also scoring a double win for Phillips was Melissa Donais in the 600 run (1:31.9) and 1000 run (2:48.5.).

Central Catholic 46
Andover boys 40

The Golden Warriors placed first in six of the 10 events, but Central swept the 600, high jump and shot put for 27 points.

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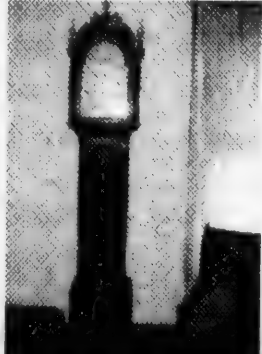
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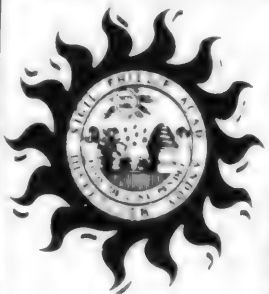
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AHS ROUNDUP

INDOOR TRACK

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"You can't get swept in three events, and give an opponent 27 points off the top, and expect to win the meet," said coach Iworsley.

"We ran OK in terms of the times we put up — but we did not run well in terms of competing for places and points.

"We missed several places I felt sure we would take, which was offset by some good performances that were unexpected. We just didn't get enough seconds and thirds."

Individual AHS winners were sophomore hurdler Vincent Errico (6.9), Chris Callison in the 50 dash (5.5), Ajay Sisodia in the 300 dash (34.8), junior miler Phil Shaw (5:00.7) and sophomore two-miler Ryan Durkin (10:30.1).

The foursome of Capt. Bruce Brown, Callison, Sisodia and Capt. Mike Donahue, running for the win and not for a time, broke the tape in 4:07.9.

AHS collected a trio of seconds from Brown (300 dash, 35.1), Matt Malloy (1000 run, 2:36.1) and miler Sam Nigh (5:02.9).

Sophomore Jeff Sawyer captured the lone third place (1000 run, 2:37.3) for the locals.

Personal bests were achieved by Errico, Sisodia and Durkin.

Phillips Academy 50 Andover boys 40

Bruce Brown earned a pair of individual wins as the Golden Warriors

gave the undefeated Big Blue a run for their money.

Brown was tops in the 50 dash (5.7) and long jump (21'6 1/2"), with the latter distance missing the school record of 21'7" by a half inch.

Mike Marconis, who set that record nine years ago, was at this meet as a spectator in anticipation his mark might fall.

Phil Shaw was also a winner for AHS in the two-mile with a personal-best 10:25.6.

Ajay Sisodia grabbed a pair of second places in the long jump (20'9") and 300 dash (35.8), while Shaw added a second in the mile (4:45.8).

Other Andover runners-up were shot putter Brian Durie with a personal-best toss of 46'6 1/2," hurdler Vincent Errico (6.9), Chris Callison (50 dash, 5.7) and high jumper Hugh Zhang (5'6").

Placing third were Callison to complete an AHS sweep in the long jump (20' 1/2"), high jumper Jason Crabb (5'6"), Brown in the 600 run (1:23.9) for his 11th point of the day, and Jeff Sawyer in the 1000 run (2:39.3).

Chris O'Donoghue was a double winner for Phillips in the 600 run (1:21.9) and 1000 run (2:32.1), while Andover resident Dave Sheldon placed third for PA in the 300 dash (36.9).

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

With just one Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 game left, a week from Saturday at

home against Methuen, Andover needs a tie or win against the Rangers to clinch the division title outright.

If Methuen wins the Rangers will grab a piece of the crown, while an Andover loss and Lincoln-Sudbury win means the division will have tri-champs.

The Golden Warriors missed nailing down the championship last weekend by 13 seconds, the amount of time left in the game when L-S scored the winning goal to key its 3-2 squeeze past AHS at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Andover, which beat L-S by the same 3-2 score the first time around, has now been involved in five 3-2 games (losing three) this winter.

Prior to L-S the locals blanked Westford Academy, 5-0, for their first shutout of the season.

The latest results left coach Bill Cullen's crew at 6-6-3 overall, including 5-1-3 in league play for 13 points.

Methuen and L-S are both 5-3-1 in the league for 11 points, while L-S is also 8-3-2 overall and Methuen 6-7-1.

Schedule

Last night Andover played at Division 1 Chelmsford, the Lions (12-2-2) having recently shocked multi-time state Elite 8 champion Catholic Memorial 4-1 and Matignon 5-2.

The league season ends with games next week at Dracut (Wednesday) and the big one home versus Methuen on Saturday (12:50 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

After 15 games, Peter Burbank has

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BOYS ICE HOCKEY

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10 goals and 13 assists and Mike Corey 11 goals, 12 assists.

Joe Nasta checks in with four goals and 10 assists and Tim LeGrow five goals, seven assists

Andover 5

Westford Academy 0

Notching their first shutout and holding the opponent under two goals for the first time this season, the Golden Warriors completed a sweep of MV/DCL Division 2 rival Westford (earlier 6-3 win).

Capt. Tim LeGrow gave the locals

a 1-0 first-period lead with a long slap shot from the point that Grey Ghosts' goaltender Brian Murray hasn't seen yet.

Peter Burbank picked up the first of his three points on the night with an assist on the goal at 4:06.

Burbank boosted the lead to 3-0 in the middle period with a pair of goals just 80 seconds apart.

The first was set up by linemates Joe Nasta and Mike Corey at 4:18, and the second came on the power play with Corey helping out at 5:38.

Steve Johnson made it 4-0 midway through the final stanza (7:14) with a beautiful goal while Andover was

skating shorthanded.

Westford was working a 5-on-3 power play when Johnson picked up the puck in the defensive zone and broke out on a two-man rush with Brian Buckley.

The pair exchanged passes before Johnson completed the breakaway with a quick shot that eluded Murray.

Defenseman George Lewis wrapped up the offense two minutes later (9:33), blasting another laser beam from the blue line after getting a pass from sophomore forward Toby Cohen.

"This was a good win for us," said coach Cullen. "Westford has a good offensive team and the goalie is solid."

AHS was able to keep division scoring leader Dennis Kane (15 goals, 21 assists) off the board as sturdy defensemen LeGrow (6'1", 193 pounds) and Lewis (6'1", 187) neutralized Westford's clever puckhandler.

Senior goalies Peter Loring and Derek Barenboim combined for the shutout, Loring playing the first 42 minutes and making 22 saves and Barenboim halting three shots over the final three minutes.

The Golden Warriors outshot the Grey Ghosts, 33-25, including 13-6 in the first period.

Lincoln-Sudbury 3
Andover 2

"This loss really hurt," said coach Cullen.

L-S took a 2-0 lead late into the second period, at which time John Limauro put Andover on the board with an assist to Dave McGrath.

Limauro outmuscled a Lincoln-Sudbury defenseman out front and flipped the puck over the goaltender's shoulder at the 9:02 mark.

Mike Corey tied it 2-2 at 9:55 of the third stanza, the setups credited to Joe Nasta and Tim LeGrow.

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JAMMIN' IN JANUARY



The Andover Girls 8th-Grade Travel Basketball Team won the January Jam Tournament held at Central Catholic High School, Jan. 18-20. The team is currently undefeated in regular season games. Front row: Jen Russell, Kelly O'Dea, Sydney Layne, Jen Merinder, Lauren Marsh. Back row: Coach Tom Russell, Danielle Richards, Danielle Perry, Jen McDonald, Sarah Thompson, Jackie Todisco, Emily Pallotta, Coach Mike O'Dea.

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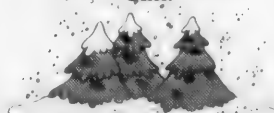
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BOYS ICE HOCKEY

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Nasta fed the puck to LeGrow, who passed to Corey standing alone in the slot for a quick 15-foot shot.

Just when it appeared the teams would battle to a tie, giving AHS the division title, Garrett Quinn punched in a rebound during a 3-on-0 L-S breakaway with 13 seconds left (14:47).

"We had a faceoff in their end with 28 seconds left," said coach Cullen. "We called a timeout and explained to the kids what we wanted to do."

"We won the faceoff and the puck went back to LeGrow at the point. He took a shot that hit off a Lincoln-Sudbury player's skate and ricocheted out to the neutral zone for their 3-on-0 break.

"(Goaltender Peter) Loring made the stop on their first shot — but the trailer put in the rebound," said Cullen.

"We made a couple of costly mistakes that led to the breakaway."

Loring played well and finished with 24 saves as the Golden Warriors outshot the visitors, 31-27, including 10-4 in the final period.

ALPINE SKIING

The unbeaten Andover High girls clinched the NSL title and moved to 9-0 overall with a lopsided sweep of Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, 106-29, and Haverhill, 96-39.

The AHS boys, meanwhile, won five of six recent meets to hike their record to 10-3.

The Lady Warriors have qualified as a team for the State Meet later this month.

However the boys, despite their fine record, will finish third in the league standings behind St. John's

Prep of Danvers and North Andover. Only the top two teams qualify for the State Meet.

Jim Green, Justin Roy and Ryan Piazza have a chance to represent Andover High as individuals if they skied well enough in the dual-meet finale yesterday (after Townsman presstime).

"The North Andover boys beat St. John's Prep this week and that took us out of states as a team," explained AHS head coach Tom Busta. "But Green, Roy and Piazza can still go if they finish top 10 in the league."

Schedule

The Andover boys wrapped up the regular season yesterday versus North Andover.

The girls final dual meet was Tuesday against archrival Masconomet Regional.

The annual Interscholastic Race is next Tuesday afternoon at Bradford Hill (3:30 p.m.), and the MIAA State Championship Meet is Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

Last year both Andover teams qualified and both finished fifth in Massachusetts.

Andover girls sweep

The top five skiers against both Fenwick and Haverhill in the title-clincher were race winner Stephanie Sweeney (20:31), Sherrie Conrad (20:90), Brittany Roy (21:00), Lisa Tylus (21:10) and Jennie Williams (21:47).

Also top 10 versus Fenwick were Jessica Moody (7th, 21:77), Lauren Hayes (8th, 21:94) and Lauren Underhill (9th, 22:23).

Mallory Jaracz (22:72) was 11th against Fenwick and 14th versus

Haverhill, while Kelly Crawford (23:22) finished 14th versus Fenwick.

Andover boys split

The Golden Warriors raced past Masconomet Regional, 96-39, but could not catch St. John's Prep in a 97-38 setback.

Andover swept the top three places, and took seven of the first 10, in the win over Masco.

Jim Green (19.63), Ryan Piazza (19.64) and Erik Fosse (19.69) fin-

ished in a near dead-heat to pace the locals, while Justin Roy was 5th (20.03), Nels Nelson 8th (20.51), Conor Lynch 9th (20.52) and Luke Larson 10th (20.59).

Completing the scorers were Ray Bill (11th, 20.81), Jordan Thibault (13th, 20.97), Garrison Macomber (14th, 21.12) and Doug Heath (15th, 21.19).

Green was the top AHS finisher against SJP in 7th place, while Piazza was 8th, Fosse 9th, Roy 11th, Nelson 14th and Lynch 15th.

Andover boys sweep

Erik Fosse was the race winner in 22.75 as Andover cruised past Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, 104-31, and Haverhill, 106-29.

Completing a sweep of the top four spots versus Haverhill were runner-up Justin Roy (22.87), Jordan Thibault (23.47) and Nels Nelson (23.60).

Also placing top 10 for the winners, who had a couple of their best skiers fall and not score, were Conor Lynch (6th, 23.92), Ray Bill (7th,

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ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS HOCKEY
(15 games)

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Mike Corey	11	12	23
Peter Burbank	10	13	23
Joe Nasta	4	10	14
Tim LeGrow	5	7	12
Steve Johnson	4	5	9
John Limauro	5	2	7
George Lewis	2	5	7
Andrew Santos	3	2	5
Dave McGrath	2	3	5
Ben Hoemer	1	1	2
Brian Buckley	0	2	2
Toby Cohen	0	2	2
Justin Leider	1	0	1
Mike Van Campen	1	0	1
Eric Levine	0	1	1
Steve Seero	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Peter Burbank 1.

Shutout: Peter Loring & Derek Barenboim 1.

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	G	A	Pts
Adrienne Shea	10	5	15
Grace Farnham	4	6	10
Verissa Montalbano	2	6	8
Katie Stewart	2	6	8
Jacqui Munro	5	2	7
Ashley Malins	4	3	7
Katie Seero	3	1	4
Kim Chandler	2	2	4
Jessica Leider	1	3	4
Allison Abreu	0	3	3
Megan Finn	1	1	2
Heather Miller	1	1	2
Jackie Collins	0	2	2
Rebecca Blinn	1	0	1
Ana Maier	1	0	1
Sarah Donelan	0	1	1
Amanda Famola	0	1	1
Jackie Powers	0	1	1

Shutouts: Dolly Beechinor 1.

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AHS ROUNDUP

ALPINE SKIING

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23.99) and Andre Perron (10th, 24.32).

Rounding out the scorers were Aaron Dynes (11th, 24.47), Ryan Macomber (12th, 24.50), Garrison Macomber (13th, 24.61), Luke Larson (14th, 24.66) and Doug Heath (15th, 24.83).

Ray was 3rd against Fenwick, Thibault 5th, Nelson 6th, Lynch 7th, Bill 8th, Perron 9th, Dynes 10th, Ryan Macomber 11th, Garrison Macomber 12th, Larson 13th and Heath 15th.

Andover boys sweep

The final tri-meet of the 2002 season produced resounding wins over Methuen (114-21) and Austin Prep (131-4).

AHS took the top 12 places against Austin and 12 of the first 13 against Methuen.

Jim Green finished first versus Austin and second against Methuen in 21.39 seconds.

The remainder of the top 12 spots belonged to Golden Warrior skiers Justin Roy (21.63), Ryan Piazza (21.72), Erik Fosse (22.13), Ray Bill (22.21), Conor Lynch (22.48), Nick Stamas (22.49), Jordan Thibault (23.18), Doug Heath (23.24), Andre Perron (23.65), Garrison Macomber (23.65) and Aaron Dynes (24.05).

Placing 14th and 15th against Austin were Greg Spurr (24.94) and Dave Holstein (25.06).

"Green and Piazza bounced back after their falls in the previous meet," said coach Busta. "This made it back-to-back solid races for Justin Roy."

"Nels Nelson, who did well the previous meet, was beaten by the flu bug on this day. Conor Lynch, Ray

Bill and Nick Stamas continue to improve."

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Andover High, which finished its dual-meet season at 6-4, next competes in the annual MVC Championship Meet tomorrow at the Charles White Natatorium in Haverhill.

The North Sectional Championship Meet is also at Haverhill on Feb. 16, and the season-ending State Championship Meet at Northeastern University on Feb. 23.

North Sectionals

Five AHS swimmers, most in multiple events, have qualified for the annual North Sectionals.

Those who have made the grade in at least one event are Jon Meltz, Sean Geary, Nick Saunders, Paul D'Ambrosio and Tim Tuveson.

Rob Lakow is also on board in the one-meter diving.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Andover (8-1) played at Mt. St. Joseph's in Charlestown yesterday and wraps up regular season play on Saturday at Phillips Academy versus Marblehead.

Scoring leaders

Adrienne Shea leads the team with 10 goals and five assists for 15 points. Grace Farnham has four goals, six assists and Katie Stewart two goals, six assists.

Verissa Montalbano also boasts two goals and six assists, Jacqui Munro five goals, two assists and Ashley Malins four goals, three assists.

Local swimmers striving for perfection

Two members of the Andover-North Andover YMCA Synchers synchronized swim team, Rita Gillan and Sarah Hansen, spent a weekend at a US Olympic Training Center clinic, where they participated in a variety of sessions aimed at expanding their abilities.

The entire team competed at the New England Synchronized Swimming Association Age Group Figures Championships.

Age-group awards were given to the top eight finishers in several categories of required technical figures.

Synchers honored included: Allison Ziel, Jennifer Meli and Caitlyn MacGregor (3rd, 4th and 5th respectively in the 9-under novice division); Jessica Mancini, Amber Blum and Brittany Berthel (2nd, 3rd and 5th in the age 10-11 novice); Rachel Vezanian and Maria Parfenova (2nd and 4th in the age 14-15 novice).

Meaghan Arsenault and Sophia Pelich (3rd and 4th at the age 11-under age group level); Lisa Portney, Margaret Conlon and Ashley Cohen (2nd, 4th and 5th in the 12-13 age group).

Margaret Gillan and Chelsea Portney (2nd and 3rd in the 14-15 age group); Esther Kovach and Sarah Hansen (5th and 8th in the 16-17 age group); Danielle Lightburn and Sheila Kyte (1st and 2nd in the 19-up age group).

Earlier this month Duke Zielinski, a nationally respected movement and choreography expert, conducted a special weekend instructional clinic for the team.

The Junior and Senior Level swimmers on the ANA Synchers will participate in the New England Championships in Nashua, N.H. this month and the East Zone

Championships in Canton, Ohio in February.

The annual YMCA Synchronized Swim Show is scheduled for April 7.

For further information on the team, call 'Y' aquatics director Lynn Avila at 978-685-3541, or coach Genia Gillan at 978-475-0555.

Several young swimming standouts from Andover helped the Beverly/Cape Ann YMCA training division of the North Shore Sharks beat the Hockomock 'Y' in a recent dual meet held at the Sterling Center in Beverly and in North Attleboro.

The victory boosted the Sharks record to 4-1 for the fall/winter season.

First-place finishes went to Caitlin Hamer in the girls' 100-yard freestyle (58.89), Diana Harlow in the 200 IM (2:21.30) and Lauren Harlow in the 500 free (5:17.26).

Caitlin Hamer also swam a leg for the victorious 15-18 age division 200 medley relay.

Courtney Hamer finished third in the 100 butterfly (1:10.25), and was a member of the victorious 13-14 age division 200 free relay.

All four are members of the three-time reigning state champion Andover High girls swim and dive team.

On the boys side, Patrick Rulon-Miller placed second in the 100 free (54.62) and anchored the winning 15-18 division 400 free relay.

The Sharks will compete as a team at the annual Eastern Massachusetts YMCA District Championships scheduled Feb. 2-3 and 9-10 at the Medford High pool.

Girls varsity ice hockey: MacElhaney top scorer in state

Andover resident Kim MacElhaney, a junior center on the Austin Prep girls varsity ice hockey team, is currently the leading scorer in the state with 33 goals and 19 assists for 52 points in 16 games.

She recently pumped in a season-high five goals as the Cougars posted an impressive 7-3 victory over reigning State Division 1 champ Fontbonne Academy.

She also assisted on the game-winning goal as Austin beat Fontbonne a second time, 2-1, just five days later and then netted the tying goal in a 3-3 stalemate with Matignon.

Last week MacElhaney scored four goals and set up a fifth in a victory over St. Bernard's of Fitchburg, and fol-

lowed with two goals and one assist versus St. Mary's of Lynn.

MacElhaney played youth hockey in Andover and now plays for the North Shore Vipers of Peabody in addition to Austin.

Sniper MacElhaney, with an obvious nose for the net, also scored four goals in a game earlier this season and has five hat tricks (three goals or more) to her credit.

She scored 24 goals as a sophomore to give her 57 over the past two seasons.

Austin has clinched the Catholic Central League championship with a 7-0-2 record and was 13-1-2, with the only loss to Lexington High, entering this week.



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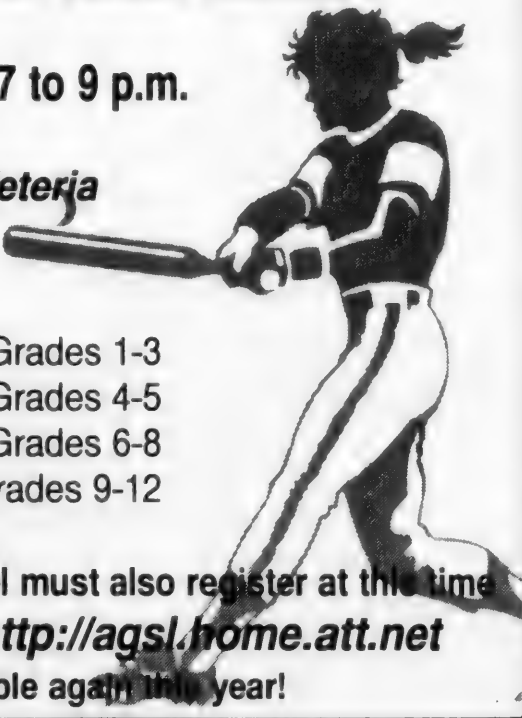
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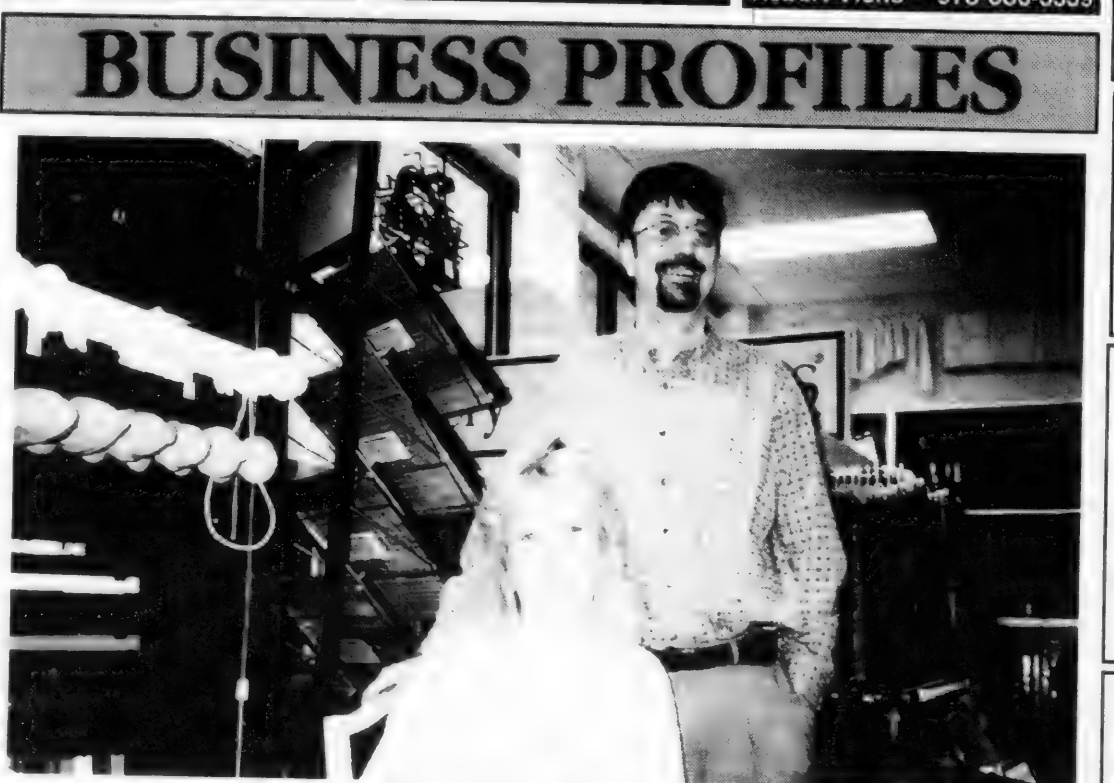
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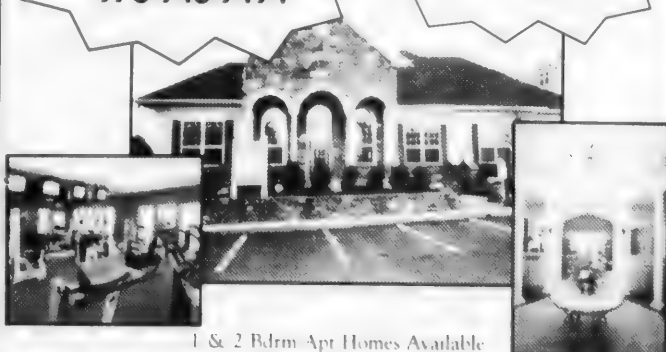
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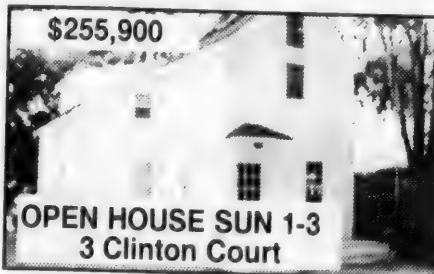


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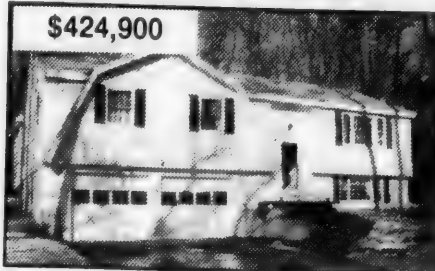
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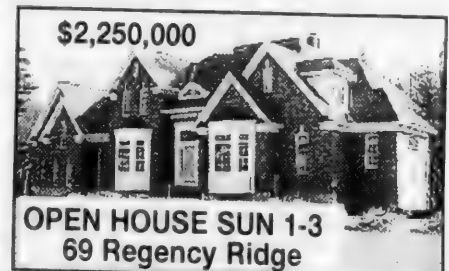
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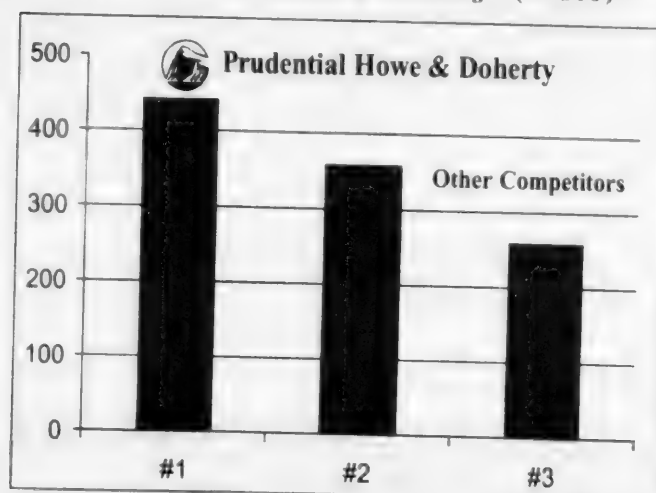

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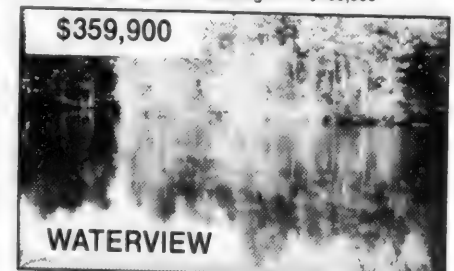

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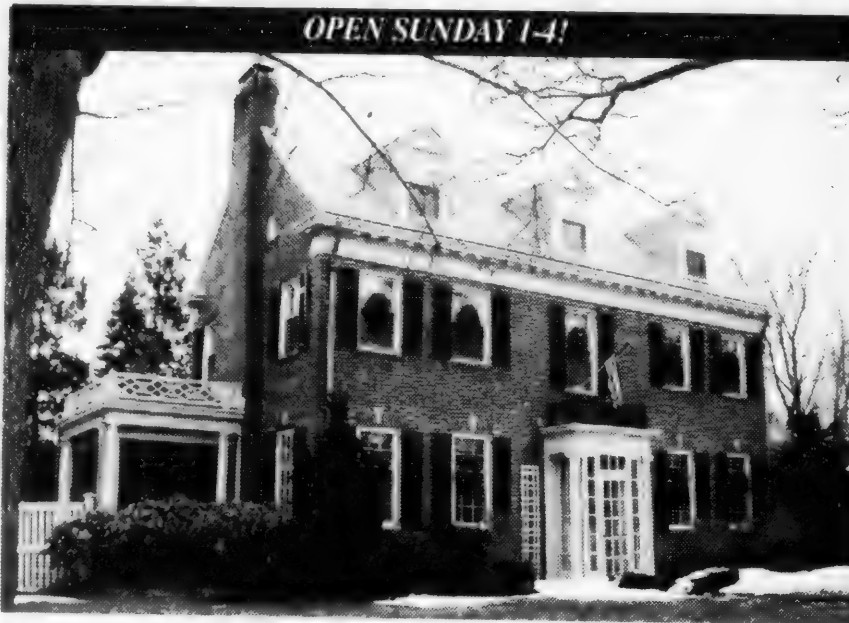
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Plan early for retirement years

By Jeff Shea

Planning for your future after the age of 60 can be a daunting task, but going to a professional can make a big difference.

You need someone who knows what your needs are and can help you start saving for and during retirement. You can make sure that you're comfortable financially, but you first have to do your research. Getting everything in order early on can save you time later in the process. Robert L. Peek, a financial consultant with Peek Financial Services in Andover, has around 300 clients – 200 of whom are over the age of 60 – so he has the experience to help you prepare for the retirement stage.

"Starting early is very important," says Mr. Peek.

Mr. Peek explains how to get started and what steps to take for your future. He says that each person has his or her own tailor-made plan for retirement.

"You really can't 'cookie-cutter' people," says Mr. Peek.

When getting started, you need to gather all of your information together – cash flow, taxable possessions, value of your life insurance, Social Security and property taxes – so you can be evaluated and begin to construct a plan that will best fit you.

A monthly budget is assessed by a study of all of your assets to see what your spending limits are. Mr. Peek looks at your lifestyle and at all of your resources. Then, he determines what you're able to spend and save so that you won't be left without any money at the end of the month. Statistics play a big role in evaluating what you can and can't spend, and every detail is examined to see what suits you.

Of course, planning for your retirement is very important, and you should have some questions ready before you get started.



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To enjoy a worry-free retirement, it's best to begin planning your financial strategy early on in life.

Many people wonder if they will have enough money to live off of and whether or not their spouse will be all set after they're gone. Some also have concerns about where their money goes in the event of their death.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Web site (www.dol.gov), a good way to plan for retirement is to address all of your needs by looking at your choices. By understanding

all of your financial options – with Social Security and pension or profit-sharing plans – you can set yourself up really well. You should put money in a separate retirement account and let the interest reach its peak before you think of taking any money out. If you're considering investing, invest in what you understand and what's easiest for you to work with. And, make sure it's a relatively low-risk venture.

At the time of your appointment with a financial consultant, talk about some of the risks you may encounter when setting up a retirement program. For those quickly approaching retirement age, it's best to come up with a conservative plan with few risk factors.

Retirement should be the most relaxing period in your life, and you shouldn't spend your time worrying about your finances. That's why it's good to plan ahead to create a stable environment for your golden years.

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Were 2001 tax rebates birds in the bush?

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

Tax experts call the 2001 Tax Act the "Cinderella" act because most of the benefits it provides are slated to change back to the status quo at midnight on Dec. 31, 2010.

Most of the provisions of the 2001 Tax Act will not have an impact until the 2002 filing period, but the so-called tax rebate is something that taxpayers will have to deal with when filing their 2001 returns.

Millions of single taxpayers received tax rebate checks for \$300 and couples received \$600 from the government as part of President George W. Bush's effort to pump more cash into the economy. But is it really "free" money, or will you have to declare it on your 2001 tax return?

"The rebates are basically an advance on refunds for the 2001 filing period," says John W. Roth, a tax analyst for CCH Inc., an Illinois-based company that specializes in tax issues.

The government reduced the lowest tax bracket from 15 percent to 10 percent, which goes into effect with 2001 tax filing. The rebates gave taxpayers the benefit of the tax rate reduction now rather than later, according to Mr. Roth.

When filing 2001 returns, tax-

payers will need to complete a work sheet to prove they were entitled to the rebate. Those who did not receive a rebate but are entitled to one can claim a credit on 2001 tax returns.

"I predict the confusion over this issue will send a lot of people who have done their own taxes in the past to professional tax preparers," Mr. Roth says, noting that H&R Block's stock has already risen in anticipation of increased business as a result of taxpayer frustration over how to deal with the rebate on their 2001 tax returns.

Major changes provided by the 2001 Tax Act that will be phased in over a period of several years include increasing the amount that you can put into retirement plans, such as Individual Retirement Accounts, from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year and the amount you can put into a 401(k) from \$10,500 to \$11,000. The money taxpayers put into these accounts is removed from current taxable income. While putting funds into these accounts reduces spendable income right now, it also reduces present tax burdens.

There is also a "catch-up" provision for people over 50, which allows them to make retroactive contributions that will reduce current tax liability.

A new provision that takes

effect in 2005 will bring standard tax deduction equity to married couples, according to Kurt Filipovitch, a Carlsbad, Calif.-based certified public accountant who specializes in taxes.

"Under present tax law, married couples pay more taxes than two single people because the standard deduction for partners in marriage adds up to less than the standard deduction allowed two single people," Mr. Filipovitch explains.

Under the 2001 tax law, deductions for dependent care expenses will increase tax credits from 30 to 35 percent starting in 2003. This means that eligible expenses for child care or elder care could increase from \$2,400 to \$3,000 for one person and from \$4,800 to \$6,000 for two persons. Eligible expenses include day care for children.

The tax credit for children under 17 will be increased from \$500 to \$600 and adoption tax credits will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Qualified expenses for the adoption tax credit include legal fees and travel expenses for folks who are adopting children abroad.

"The reason for the increase is to encourage adoption of children who need homes," Mr. Filipovitch says.

The 2001 tax act also provides

for education incentives, such as increasing the allowable amount of contribution to education IRAs from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. The new law also allows taxpayers to fund educational IRAs up until April 15 of the current filing period, rather than making Dec. 31 of the prior year the cut-off date. This provision goes into effect in January 2002.

The 2001 tax act also liberalizes qualified expenses and how

you can use funds in an education IRA.

"You will be able to take money out of an education IRA to pay for private schooling for children in grades K-12, and even buying a car for a college student to provide him or her with transportation will be considered an allowable expense," Mr. Filipovitch says.

The act also raises the income restrictions on who can deduct

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Needs vary, but five to seven times your annual salary is a rule of thumb amount.

Ask yourself these questions and plan accordingly:

- How much debt do you have? Life insurance should settle those debts with a healthy amount left over.
- What colleges might your kids be attending? Expensive schools warrant more coverage.
- Do you have an aging parent or other dependent adult living with you or depending on you?
- What is your retirement income? Is it sufficient on its own?
- Do you own a business? What are your plans for it and its debts?
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Consumer beware: Interest-free offers look great, but can cost plenty

By Clare Howard
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Those were the marketing promotions that first lured Laura Ragland, who, at the time, was going through a divorce, moving back in with her parents in rural Tremont, Ill., and starting a degree program at Illinois Central College.

Ms. Ragland needed just a few pieces of furniture and electronic items for her new living arrangement. She read all of the fine print and signed up for the finance program.

Like increasing numbers of Americans, Ms. Ragland started using interest-free financing to afford her consumer spending. In the best-case scenario, it provides use of someone else's money interest-free over a set period of time. But in the worst case, it slaps an interest charge of more than 22 percent onto the purchase, significantly increasing the total cost. Ms. Ragland learned that the hard way.

Ms. Ragland's purchases didn't amount to \$1,000. But her father, Doyle Green, was not pleased with his daughter's decision. He doesn't like finance programs, and now, more than ever, he doesn't

trust finance programs.

He ultimately took over his daughter's payments, mailing each monthly check five days in advance.

"It is 212 miles from this house in Tremont to Carol Stream where the checks are processed. You can mail to the East and West coasts in five days," Mr. Green says. "I mailed on the 23rd and it was due on the 28th. I have never paid a late fee before, and five days time for mail is what I figure."

But when the final payment was processed May 29, one day late, 22.99 percent interest was charged over the entire life of the loan.

"That may be legal, but it's

just not right," Mr. Green says.

Ms. Ragland says, "My dad is never late. He's never paid interest to anyone in his entire life. He mailed every payment one week in advance."

Ms. Ragland was slapped with an interest charge of \$179.19.

"If this was done to me, it must have been done to other people as well," she says. "I guess they have to make money, and they do that by charging late fees. But I'll never use one of these programs again."

Pierre Sarafin, who owns the store where Ms. Ragland made her purchases, does not

make money on the late charges. He defends the interest-free program, which he contracts for with Citi Financial Retail Services.

"Unfortunately, this is as serious as your mortgage payment. If you don't get the payment in, you pay a penalty," Mr. Sarafin says. "The burden is on you."

Mr. Sarafin says that, based on store volume, retailers typically pay from 1 percent to 3 percent of the purchase price to the finance company for customers who use the program.

"This is an expensive program for me to carry, but we live in a plastic world. We

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When it comes to investing, quality is key

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Hardly a day goes by without hearing or reading that low-cost mutual funds and index products are the only way to go. Newspaper columnists, even at the well-respected Wall Street Journal, continually focus on cost as opposed to performance as the most important element in buying a packaged product.

Many investors have taken this as the gospel truth, but why should cost alone determine the buying decision? What ever happened to quality?

Quality is hard to define in absolute terms. However, few would deny that high total

return, relative to its peer funds, is an essential element in the pursuit of fund excellence. Regardless of the internal cost structure, a 10 percent return beats a 9 percent return every time. Ironically, the proponents of cost consciousness in fund selection rarely mention that, before calculating the return on a packaged product, the costs have already been deducted.

Following their line of logic one might assume that a fund with a 1 percent total expense ratio is somehow better than one with a 1.75 percent ratio. However, if the return on the expensive fund was higher than that of its low-cost competitor, cost is a moot point. Returns are net of costs.

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Most well-to-do investors don't buy the cheapest product. If that were the case, there would be no such concept as a brand name - everything would be a commodity. The wealthy would be driving Yugos while wearing their still perfectly serviceable polyester

leisure suits. The country would be replete with Levittowns there would be no incentive to excel. The presumption that cost is a driver of intelligent investing decisions is absurd; quality is.

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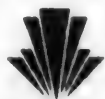


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■ INTEREST-FREE OFFERS

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have no choice when our competitors are offering interest-free finance programs," he says. "There is nothing hidden here. If you don't live up to what you agreed to, you get killed."

Mr. Sarafin says he has used Citi Financial Retail Services for more than three years and rarely has problems.

"They are one of the largest, and this system is all based on volume," he says.

Even with his insider view of the system, Mr. Sarafin still decided to use an interest-free plan when he purchased a new home computer.

"I wrote the due date and stuck it on the top of my computer," he says. "I mailed (the payment) a month ahead of the due date. That gave me \$800 of someone else's money interest free for 11 months."

While that sounds good, consumers must be careful to avoid the kind of problem Ms. Ragland had, says one expert on consumer credit.

David Hill, counseling program director at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Illinois, says, "On the surface, these programs are a very good idea.

You use someone else's money for a year rather than your own."

However, most people don't carefully read the contract, Mr. Hill says. Some programs are interest-free; some are interest-deferred. All have a final date when payment is due.

"You buy a couch 90 days interest-free with your tax refund. But other expenses come up over those 90 days and the tax refund is spent. In 90 days, you still owe that money for the couch," he says. "At that point you question if it was a wise idea."

Citi Financial Retail Services could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, Mr. Green is documenting his problems and mailing a complaint to the consumer protection division of the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

"This whole concept is based on when they post your check, not when they receive your check. If they hold your check for a day or two, they can make more money," he says. "It is to their advantage to slow down."

"I'll bet you \$100 a donut if they don't make money on late fees, they can't continue to offer the program. There are more of these problems than people realize. Consumer beware."

■ TAX REBATES

Continued from page 3A

student loan interest from taxes and places no limits on how long you can deduct interest on student loans.

"Currently you can only deduct interest on student loans for five years, but for doctors and dentists who may have more than \$200,000 in student loans, paying them off within five years isn't do-able," Mr. Filipovitch says.

College education funds known as 529 plans will work more like Roths and IRAs and will no longer be taxed, providing the money is used for a college education under the 2001 tax act.

The new tax law will also allow you to put \$40,000 or 100 percent of your income (whichever is less) into a pension plan.

"This is a benefit for working married couples who can afford to live on one income," Mr. Filipovitch says.

Most of the provisions of the 2001 tax act are family-oriented and designed to allow people to take responsibility for

their financial futures in an era when Social Security may not be secure and certainly isn't adequate to maintain the standard of living to which most hardworking Americans have become accustomed, Mr. Filipovitch notes.

A key aspect of the 2001 tax law is the change in estate taxes. Currently, heirs can receive up to \$675,000 tax free. In 2002, the amount will increase to \$1 million and ramp up to \$3.5 million in 2009. In 2010, there will be no estate tax until midnight of Dec. 31, when the rule that exists today will come back into play unless Congress votes to change the law before midnight on Dec. 31. Financial planners and others are concerned about the impact this schedule will have on family decisions regarding the health care of frail elderly family members and elders' own decisions.

"It's already being called the 'Throw Mother off the Car Before Dec. 31, 2010' law," says Barbara Williams, a certified financial planner based in Carlsbad.

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Toscano & Ardito offers timely tax-saving tips for 2001 year end

PRESS RELEASE

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According to Lawrence J. Ardito, CPA, ABV, president of Toscano & Ardito, P.C., CPAs, the largest tax reduction act in more than 20 years offers new tax-saving opportunities for taxpayers with know-how.

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Toscano & Ardito offers the following countdown on the top 10 tax law changes and planning that can work in taxpayers' favor.

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8. Child tax credit increase.
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Love and money: Where's the bottom line?

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

The phrase "for richer or poorer" means more than you might think as you and your spouse repeat your wedding vows.

Marriage is one of those life-changing events that has enormous financial consequences.

"It might not sound romantic, but couples should examine all the tax and legal aspects of marriage. Marriage changes your life in many ways, including your legal rights," says Robin Leonard, co-author with fellow attorney Stephen Elias of "Nolo's Pocket Guide to Family Law."

Ms. Leonard says that marriage entails many rights and benefits.

In most states, spouses are accorded the right to do the following.

- File joint income tax returns with the IRS and state taxing authorities.

- Create a "family partnership" under federal tax laws, which allows you to divide business income among family members (this will often lower the total tax on the income).

- Create a marital life estate trust.

- Receive spouse's and dependents' Social Security, disability, unemployment, veterans', pension and public assistance benefits.

- Receive a share of your deceased spouse's estate under intestate succession laws.

- Claim an estate tax marital

deduction.

- Sue a third person for wrongful death of your spouse and loss of consortium; sue a third person for offenses that interfere with the success of your marriage, such as alienation of affection and criminal conversation (these lawsuits are available in only a few states).

- Receive family rates for insurance.

- Avoid the deportation of a non-citizen spouse.

- Enter hospital intensive care units, jails and other places where visitors are restricted to immediate family.

- Live in neighborhoods zoned for "families only."

- Make medical decisions about your spouse in the event of dis-



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ability, and claim the marital communications privilege, which means a court can't force you to disclose the contents of confidential communications between you and your spouse during your

marriage.

However, you probably weren't thinking about your tax bill when you became engaged. Beware of the "marriage penalty," a feature of the federal tax code that could make you pay more tax than if you remained single.

You're most likely to be hit if you and your spouse take home similar salaries - at \$1,400 on average, the added tax hit can be significant.

One reason for this is the standard deduction is not double the amount single taxpayers are allowed to take.

Getting married can also disqualify you from certain tax breaks you would otherwise be eligible for if you were single.

Married couples are penalized in other ways, according to the financial experts at www.savewealth.com.

For instance, when it comes to conversions, fewer married couples can convert a traditional individual retirement account to one of the new Roth or Education IRAs.

The ability to convert to a Roth IRA or Education IRA is completely wiped out when your adjusted gross income hits \$160,000. Two spouses earning \$85,000 per year or more would be locked into their traditional IRA.

Married couples with equal incomes also may lose out on the \$1,500 Hope education tax credit. The Hope tax credit, designed to encourage college saving, is shot down once an individual or couple's AGI hits the \$100,000 mark.

When you consider a two-income family, that limit can be reached very quickly, and some couples may be surprised they can't take advantage of some of the newest tax breaks out there.

Solutions include postponing marriage if you determine that you can't afford the tax burden. Republican lawmakers in Congress have pursued a number of legislative remedies, but it is still a wise idea to check the tax tables before you marry.

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Payment plan: IRS lends a hand to cash-strapped taxpayers

By L.E. Klein
Copley News Service

Even if you scrimp, save and sell your stamp collection, it still doesn't add up. No matter how you slice it, this year you won't have the cash to pay your tax bill.

Don't panic, tax experts say. The Internal Revenue Service extended a lifeline to cash-strapped taxpayers starting in 1998 that is becoming an increasingly popular way to stave off a financial crisis.

Under the IRS's installment payment plan, you can make monthly payments for up to three years on your debt until it is paid in full, according to Mildred Carter, a federal tax analyst at CCH Inc. in Riverwoods, Ill.

This is not a free pass on paying taxes, however.

"You are still required to pay full amount, and you have to agree to make the payments on time," Ms. Carter says.

To take advantage of the plan, filed with IRS Form 9465, you must have paid your taxes promptly and in full for the past five years. After you fill out the form, the IRS will determine your eligibility and accept or reject your request.

To find out if you are eligible for an installment plan beyond these guidelines, ask a tax preparer or visit the IRS's interactive Web site, which takes you

through the process.

If you are approved for an installment plan, you must pay a \$43 fee, which will be assessed after you submit Form 9465.

Installment payments can also be made using direct debit from a bank account through an electronic funds withdrawal.

If the debt is such that it is impossible to pay in three years, consider the "offer in compromise" option, Ms. Carter says. This plan allows taxpayers to offer a sum — often cents on the dollar — toward paying off a tax debt.

First, your assets are analyzed, including income, equity and standard of living. You may be required to scale back your lifestyle considerably to come up with an acceptable offer.

The IRS considers your offer based on three criteria:

- Doubt as to liability: Doubt exists that the assessed tax is correct.

- Doubt as to collectibility: Doubt exists that you could ever pay the full amount of tax owed.

- Effective tax administration: You must convince the IRS that collection of the tax would create an economic hardship or would be unfair and inequitable.

However, even if you meet the "offer in compromise" program's requirements and can prove the criteria, there is no guarantee that the IRS will

accept your offer. If you do make a deal, there is some flexibility on paying the bill, and you can spread payments out for up to 10 years.

Another option is to charge your tax bill to a credit card. Contact Official Payments Corporation for more information on this program at (800) 272-9829 or visit their Web site at www.officialpayments.com.

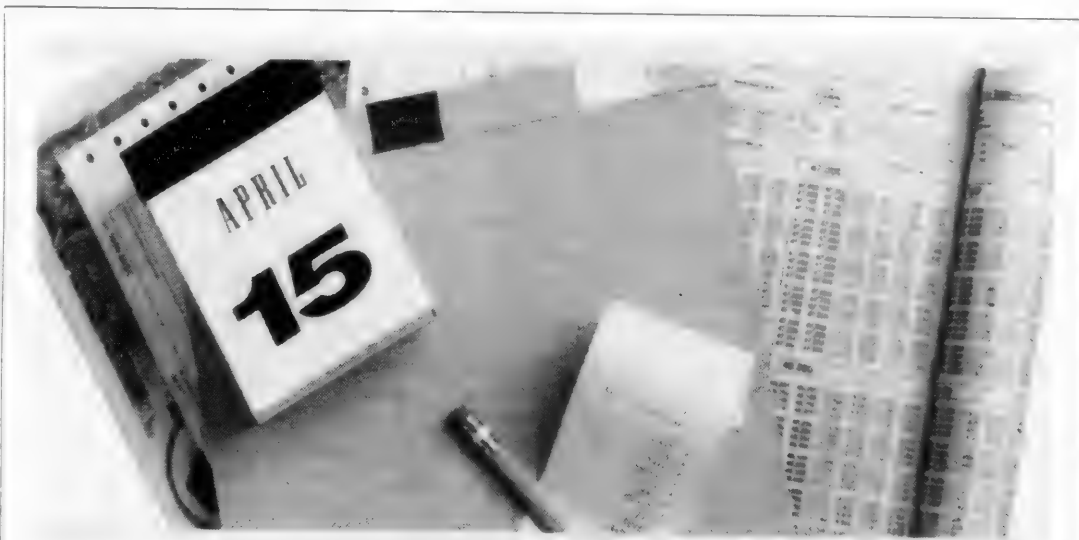
However, you will be stuck with a 3 percent "convenience fee" and may get yourself further in debt under this option.

In addition to programs already in place, keep track of new tax measures now under consideration to stimulate the economy and help stressed taxpayers, Ms. Carter says.

Lastly, don't neglect to consult a tax professional if you feel you're going have trouble paying your bill. It's a good idea to look for a tax professional who has consistent experience in tax, especially since tax laws change frequently, Ms. Carter says. "The best place to start looking for a tax professional is with people you know. Ask

friends whose financial situations are similar to your own if they can recommend anyone," she says.

Taxpayers can also contact state CPA, legal or enrolled agent organizations. Many state organizations maintain computer databases of local accountants and tax preparers and provide free assistance in helping you select a tax professional in your area. Many of these groups also provide help free of charge to low-income taxpayers who can't afford tax preparation assistance.



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Charitable Giving: Science of deduction can be subject to IRS quirks

By Karen Hanson
Copley News Service

When you buy a ticket for a charity ball, donate a box of used clothing or bring your offering envelopes to church each Sunday, you are most likely motivated more by a desire to help than by the prospect of a tax deduction.

But by the end of the year, charitable contributions can add up to a significant amount. When tax time rolls around, if you itemize your deductions, you'll probably want to include

your donations on your tax return.

Before you make out your Form 1040, there are some things you should know. You may not be able to deduct everything, or you may be able to claim only part of the amount you donated. And, sometimes the Internal Revenue Service requires more than a simple receipt as proof of your donation.

"There are so many little quirks the IRS has," explains Anna Basarich, a certified public accountant with James E.

Hearns & Associates in New Lenox, Ill.

The IRS laws are complex, Ms. Basarich says. The tax deduction you're allowed to take may depend on a number of factors, including the dollar value of the donation and whether the donation is cash or property.

So, before you meet with your tax accountant, and in some cases before you decide to make a donation, it's a good idea to be aware of IRS regulations concerning charitable donations.

First, make sure the organization receiving your donations qualifies with the IRS as a charitable organization, Ms. Basarich says. Most groups will tell you in writing whether your contribution is tax deductible. But if you don't know, be sure to ask, she says.

Qualified organizations, according to the IRS, may include foundations or funds for charitable, religious or educational purposes, veterans' organizations, churches or nonprofit groups such as the Red Cross, the United Way and the Boy Scouts of America. Even tax-supported organizations such as volunteer fire departments and park facilities can qualify.

Charitable contributions that don't qualify for a deduction include donations to civic leagues, labor unions, chambers of commerce, homeowners' associations, political candidates and individuals.

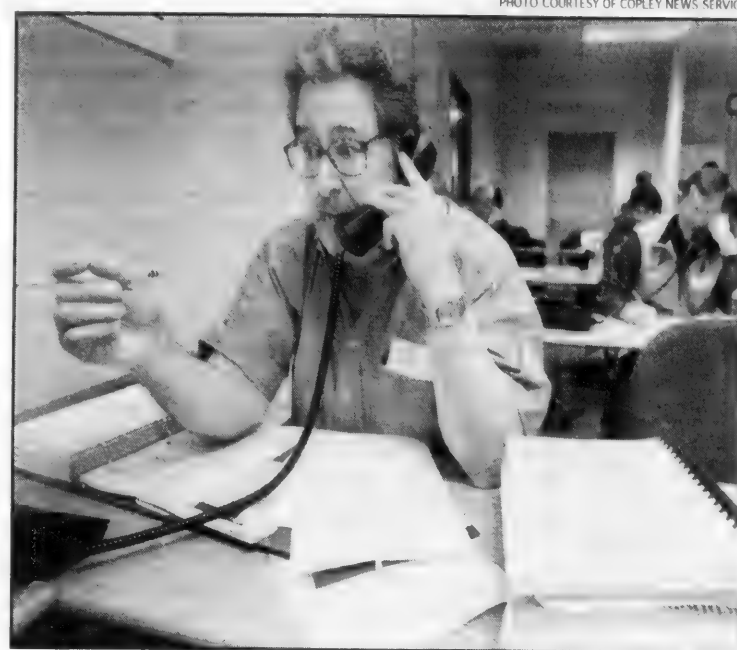
For example, if you give cash, clothing or food to neighbors who have lost a home to fire, do so because you want to help. These type of donations don't qualify for a tax deduction, Ms. Basarich says.

You also cannot deduct donations from which you expect a benefit, according to the IRS. The cost of raffles, bingo games and lotteries are not deductible under IRS rules.

If you're unsure about whether a group is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations, you can call the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

Gifts of cash are usually 100 percent deductible, Ms. Basarich says, but calculating deductions on other kinds of donations can be tricky.

Let's say you buy a ticket to a benefit show or a dinner, Ms. Basarich says. The entire cost of the ticket is not deductible. The IRS expects you to exclude the fair market value of the dinner or the show. Usually, the organi-



Certified public accountant Steve Goldblatt offers tax advice to a hotline caller. One retired woman with whom he spoke lost out on possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax breaks because of the way she structured a sizable charitable donation.

zation will tell you how much is deductible, Ms. Basarich says.

You're also expected to estimate the value of any clothing you donate. You should base this on "garage-sale value," Ms. Basarich says. Your best guess is usually acceptable, she says, and an organization such as Amvets will give you a receipt.

But, when you claim non-cash donations between \$500 and \$5,000, the IRS requires more than a simple receipt. In addition to a written acknowledgment from the organization, you must also list each piece of property, tell how it was acquired and the amount you paid for it.

If you claim more than \$5,000 for a property donation, an appraisal must be done. An item that has increased or decreased in value since you purchased it may not be fully deductible.

These days, many organizations are soliciting donations of used automobiles. But be careful if you decide to donate your car, Ms. Basarich advises. Ask up front if your donation will be deductible and how much of the cash proceeds the charity will receive. Also, remember the value of the car must be based on fair market value, and an appraisal may be required.

Donations for volunteer work are also complicated. While you can't deduct a fee for the time you spend, you may be able to deduct certain costs, such as travel expenses, lodging away from home or uniforms you must wear while doing the vol-

unteer work. These deductions don't qualify, however, if you plan a vacation to coincide with your volunteer work.

You do not need to send in receipts with your tax return, Ms. Basarich says. The receipts are only necessary if you're audited, she says, and that isn't likely to happen to the typical taxpayer.

"The IRS computers kick out anything that doesn't appear normal," Ms. Basarich says. Red flags can include extremely large claims or a deduction that's not in proportion to income, she says.

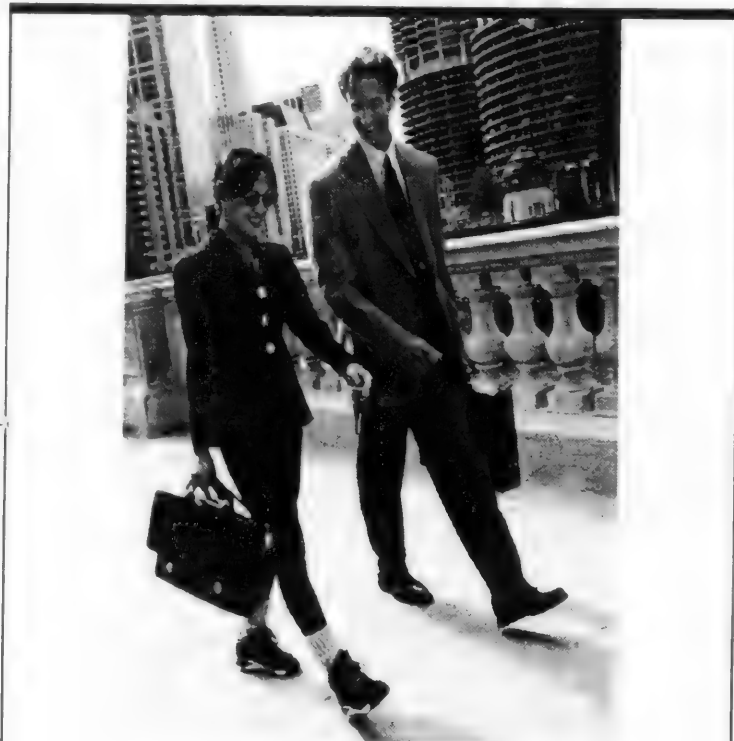
For example, if your taxable income is \$25,000 per year and you claim \$15,000 in charitable donations, the IRS will probably want to check you out, she says.

The IRS has several publications detailing the rules pertaining to charitable donations and tax deductions. To order, call (800) 829-3676 and ask for publications 17, 526 and 561.

Publications can also be downloaded from the IRS' Web site. Go online to www.irs.gov and click on "Forms and Publications" at the bottom of the page. The downloads require Acrobat Reader, which can also be downloaded free.

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Taxing times: With the Internal Revenue Service, the devil really is in details

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

Who's afraid of the Internal Revenue Service?

Almost everyone, according to Martin S. Kaplan, a certified public accountant who reveals effective strategies for dealing with the IRS in his best-selling book, "What the IRS Doesn't Want You to Know."

In spite of efforts to reorganize the agency under the leadership of a new commissioner, Mr. Kaplan says progress toward making the IRS more customer-service oriented has been slow. And, the agency's reputation for being "all-powerful, all-knowing and ruthless" still persists.

"The goal of every taxpayer should be to stay out of the clutches of the IRS," Mr. Kaplan says.

Making sure the Social Security number on your tax return matches the SSN on forms such as W-2s and 1099s and correctly entering the amount of earned income reported on W-2s on your 1040 tax form may seem like a no-brainer, but Mr. Kaplan says the number of taxpayers who call unwanted IRS attention to themselves through these kinds of easily avoidable errors is astonishing.

Other simple steps Mr. Kaplan recommends to avoid IRS scrutiny: be neat; be thorough; be sure your math is correct; sign where you are supposed to; fill in all the lines that apply to you and file your return on time (by April 15).

"Don't file for an extension unless you absolutely have to. It's a fallacy that late filing reduces your chance of being audited," Mr. Kaplan says, adding that, on the contrary, giving the IRS more leisure time to scrutinize your return after the pre-April 15 crush may even increase the possibility of an audit.

Tops on Mr. Kaplan's list of 10 ground rules never to break if you want to win with the IRS is to report all income on your tax return that is being reported to the IRS by third-party payers. This includes distributions from pension plans and Individual Retirement Accounts, interest on bank accounts, dividend income, sales of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, state income tax refunds and Social Security and unemployment insurance benefits, as well as the entire series of 1099 forms and wages reported by all

employers on W-2s.

"Some people believe that if they don't receive a form 1099, it means that it was not mailed to the IRS and therefore they don't have to include that income on their tax return. Nothing could be further from the truth," Mr. Kaplan warns.

Also, be sure the mortgage interest deduction you claim matches the interest statements from your bank or lender.

The No. 2 rule is not to include forms that are not required with your tax return and never to volunteer additional information.

"Many tax preparers suggest attaching back-up information with your return when you've taken a larger than normal deduction. For example, they suggest that if you have sustained a large casualty loss, you should include repair bills and appraisals. Do not include this data," Mr. Kaplan advises.

"The only thing you accomplish by including back-up data is to bring questionable items to the attention of IRS reviewers," he continues.

With more than 100 million Americans — half the nation's work force — telecommuting either full or part time, home offices have become as common as living rooms. Prior to Jan. 1, 1999, home office deductions were a red flag for the IRS, according to Mr. Kaplan, but rules that went into effect on that date allow you to take a home office deduction if your home office is the principal place where you perform administrative and management business activities, provided there is no other fixed location to perform those functions.

Home office deductions are reported on form 8829, which Mr. Kaplan claims is an IRS weapon for "getting a grip on taxpayers taking the home office deduction." To solidify the home office deduction and avoid audit traps on form 8829, Mr. Kaplan suggests maintaining a

separate phone number for business purposes and making sure your business correspondence is sent to your home office address.

It's also important to know what you can and cannot deduct. The percentage of expenses for business use of your home — including insurance, utilities, repairs and maintenance or rent if you are a renter — that you can deduct is based on the total square footage of the residence that is used for business.

"Take a sensible approach to computing the percentage or you'll be caught in the audit trap," Mr. Kaplan cautions. "It is entirely acceptable for your business to occupy 20 to 25 percent of your total home space, but a figure of 40 percent or more is unreasonable unless you store merchandise in your home."

The cost of office machines, office furniture and other office equipment can be depreciated over a five- or seven-year period. Office machines, furniture and equipment that have been converted from personal use to business use can also be depreciated, and you needn't produce a receipt for every last cent since these items might have been purchased some time ago.

"An IRS auditor would not be surprised to see depreciation for a desk, chair, carpeting or couch that have been converted from

personal use to business use and reasonable cost estimates are acceptable by IRS auditors," Mr. Kaplan says.

Keeping records pertaining to tax returns may be a pain in the neck and take up space, but Mr. Kaplan says it's a must. Generally, the IRS has only three years from the date you filed to come after you for extra tax unless your return omits more than 25 percent of your income or you file a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade tax.

Receipts, bills and canceled checks that support Form 1040

deductions should be kept four years; bank statements and canceled checks should be kept for six years; business income tax returns and payroll tax returns should be kept for 10 years and personal income tax returns and W-2 forms should be kept "forever," according to Mr. Kaplan.

Although there are many strategies for reducing the likelihood of an audit, where you live may also be a key factor. Los Angeles is a high-audit area while areas of the Northeast, such as Vermont, and the Midwest, such as Ohio, are low-audit areas.



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Given the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, and all that occurred afterward, the past year was one that most investors would rather forget. The stock market fell for the second year in a row for the first time since 1974, the economy entered its first recession in 10 years and the unthinkable occurred as terrorists attacked our country.

But, our economy is now stronger than it was before the attacks. The economic outlook is definitely improving. Here are just a few of the reasons why both the economy and our investments

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Based on history, the stock market is indicating that the economy should hit bottom between January and March 2002. The bond market is also supporting this outlook.

2. While the unemployment rate may continue to rise in the months ahead, overall labor market conditions are improving. The four-week moving average of weekly

initial jobless claims, considered a leading indicator, has fallen to 413,250, its lowest level since the week of the terrorist attacks. The drop in claims suggests that the worst in the wave of job cuts following the September terrorist attacks has passed.

3. The rally in stocks since Sept. 21 has occurred with tremendous market breadth, proving a strong base moving forward, while reinforcing the market's resolve. From Sept. 21 through the end of 2001, an astounding 445 stocks in the S&P 500, equal to 89 percent of the stocks in the index, posted a positive total return. This suggests that the market's rally has been broadly and fundamentally based, likely in anticipation of an imminent economic rebound.

4. The broad depletion of excess inventories over the past year should necessitate a significant

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5. Eleven rate cuts from the Federal Reserve and the lowest fed funds rate in 40 years have produced an abundance of liquidity. Given the generally accepted lag of at least 12 months between the time of a Fed rate cut and full emergence of a rate cut's positive effects, real economic growth should benefit throughout 2002 from the past year's rate reductions.

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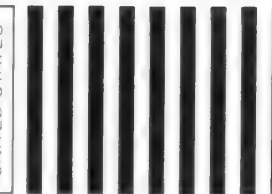
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